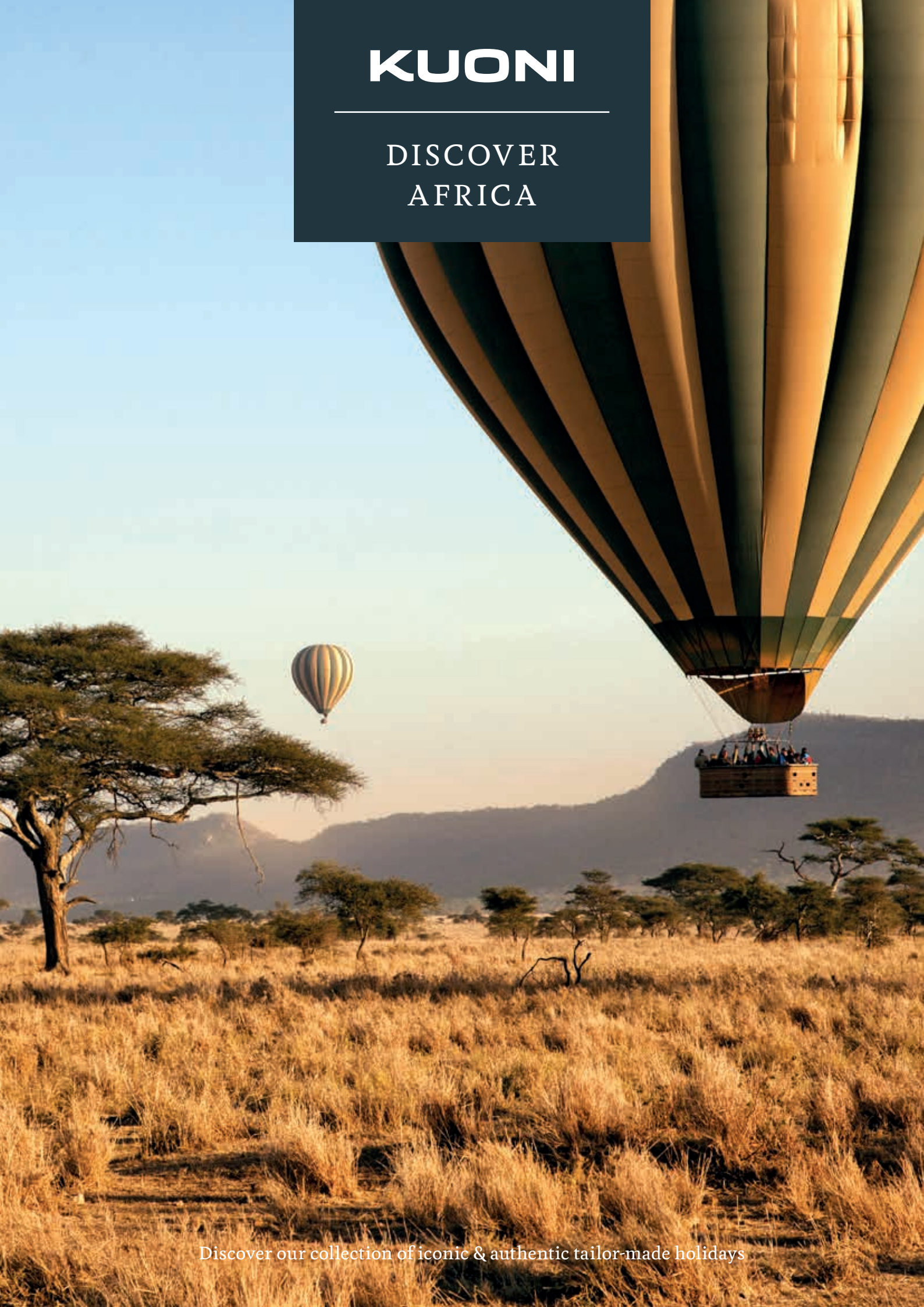


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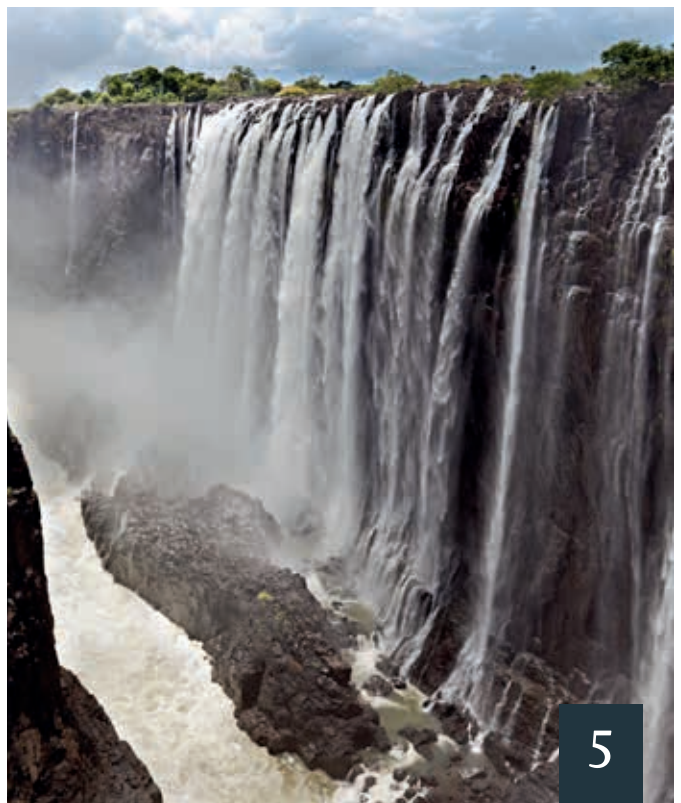
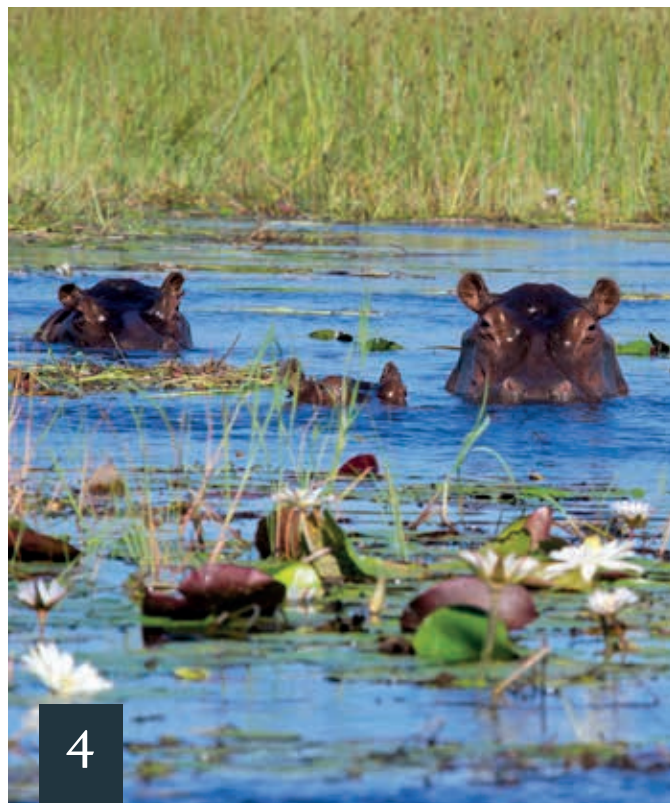
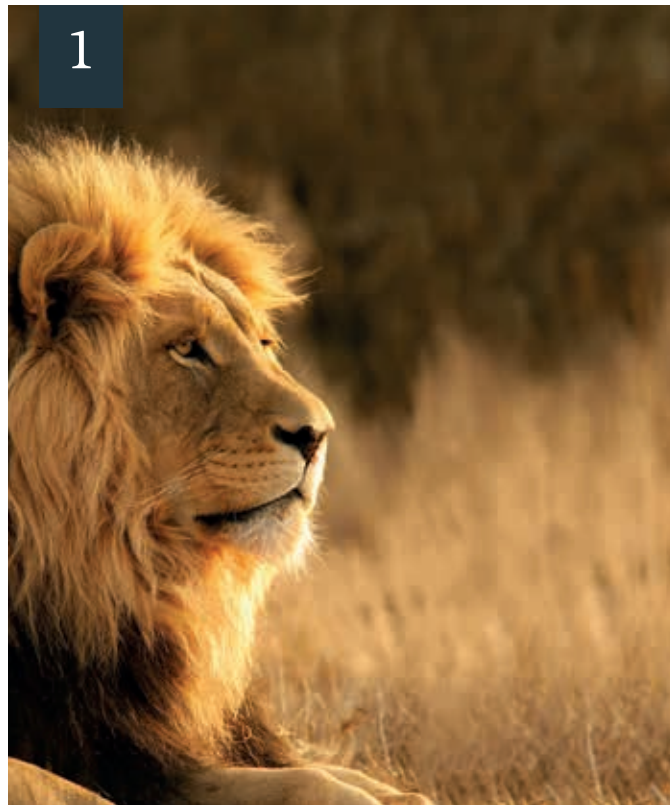
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# THE BEST PLACES TO GO IN **AFRICA**





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### 1. KENYA

**GO FOR: The Maasai Mara, big cats, hot-air balloon safaris**

Kenya is the Africa of most people's imagination, thanks to movies like *Out of Africa* and *Born Free*. It has some of the most famous national parks and reserves in the world – including the Maasai Mara, where a balloon flight over the savannah at sunrise is a must. You'll have an authentic safari experience in Kenya as there are no fences around the parks (or many of the camps) so the wildlife is totally free to roam.

### 2. TANZANIA

**GO FOR: The Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Mount Kilimanjaro, island beaches**

Tanzania packs a visual punch. It has great lakes, deep craters, wide-open grasslands, and Africa's highest mountain: Mount Kilimanjaro. On top of all that, you'll find dazzling powder-soft beaches that give the Maldives a run for its money.

### 3. SOUTH AFRICA

**GO FOR: Cape Town, self-drives, food and wine, whales, Big Five safaris**

There aren't many places that are as diverse as South Africa. We love the beauty of Cape Town and the Garden Route, the delicious food and drink of the Winelands, the Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo) game reserves, and the fascinating Battlefields. Time it right and you could even spot the Big Six – Hermanus has some of the world's best whale watching from June to November.

### 4. BOTSWANA

**GO FOR: The Okavango Delta, mokoro safaris, remote lodges**

In Botswana, you can slow the pace on exclusive safari experiences that go beyond seeing the Big Five. The unusual landscapes of the Okavango Delta's great waterways and the Makgadikgadi salt pans create a different kind of safari. Hop into a traditional canoe and go wildlife viewing off the beaten track.

### 5. ZIMBABWE

**GO FOR: Walking safaris, lesser visited parks, Victoria Falls**

Safaris in Zimbabwe are intense. Instead of doing all your wildlife spotting from a vehicle, you can leave the comfort of your Jeep behind and walk into the wilderness. You can also get the best views of the mighty Vic Falls.

### 6. NAMIBIA

**GO FOR: Striking scenery, desert dunes, stargazing**

Namibia does have impressive wildlife, but in this vast part of Africa it's more about the dramatic landscapes, like petrified ghost forests, chalky-white salt pans and fiery sand dunes. It's also a Dark Sky Reserve, so there's incredible stargazing.







Fly in a hot-air  
balloon on our  
Governors'  
Safari p70



See the smoke  
that thunders on  
Best of Botswana  
& Victoria Falls  
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# THE MOST INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES IN AFRICA

Luxury comes in many forms. In Africa, it's all about unforgettable wild luxury experiences like a hot-air balloon ride over the rolling plains at sunrise and sleeping under a blanket of stars in a safari treehouse.

## SPEND THE NIGHT IN A TREEHOUSE

WHERE? **Lion Sands Game Reserve, South Africa**

Sleep out in a treehouse in the middle of the African bushveld. Chalkley's treehouse is a beautiful open-air platform with a double canopy bed. Feast on a lantern-lit picnic dinner as you watch wildlife roam in the distance, then let the sounds of the bush lull you to sleep under a blanket of stars. **Stay in a treehouse on our Cape Town, Sabi Sands & Mozambique itinerary (p92).**

## SPOT WILDLIFE FROM THE CLOUDS

WHERE? **Maasai Mara, Kenya**

Governors' hot-air balloon safari over the Mara plains could just be the most beautiful balloon flight in the world. Drift upwards as the sun rises and the bright pink-orange haze is visible for miles across the vast savannah. Soar above the plains, spotting herds of zebra and graceful giraffes below, then land in the wild for an unforgettable Champagne breakfast. **Take a hot-air balloon ride on our Governors' Safari (p70).**

## TAKE HIGH TEA ON THE EDGE OF A WATERFALL

WHERE? **Victoria Falls, Zambia**

Perched on the cliffside of Victoria Falls, Livingstone Island is a unique viewpoint that surrounds you in rushing water as it makes its way over the waterfall's edge. Your guide will lead you to the best spots for photos and if you're daring enough you can take a swim in Devil's Pool, a seasonal infinity-style pool at the edge of the waterfall. **See Victoria Falls on our Best of Botswana & Victoria Falls itinerary (p102).**

## SHARE YOUR BREAKFAST WITH GIRAFFES

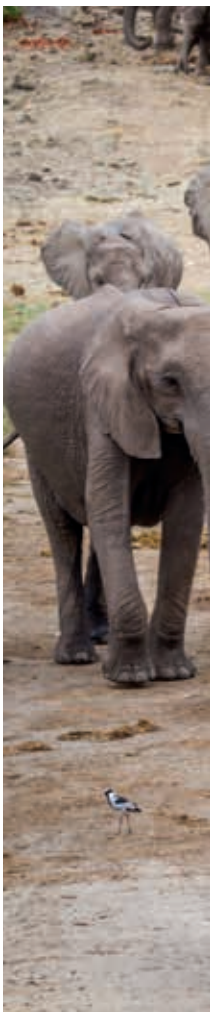
WHERE? **Nairobi, Kenya**

Giraffe Manor is a stately home that's also a sanctuary for a herd of endangered Rothschild's giraffe – you might have seen it on the BBC's *Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby*. Breakfast at the manor is fun as it's breakfast time for the giraffe too. While you're enjoying a generous spread in the light and airy dining room, the giraffe come to dine on tasty pellets. Watch as they swoop down and poke their heads inside the windows to receive their treats. **Upgrade to Giraffe Manor on any of our Kenya safaris (p70-78).**



Sleep in a treehouse on our Cape Town, Sabi Sands & Mozambique itinerary p92









Walk with  
wildlife on  
Unsurpassed  
Zimbabwe p104

#### GET CLOSE TO ELEPHANTS ON A WILD WALK

WHERE? **Mana Pools, Zimbabwe**

Take a walk on the wild side in one of the world's last wild-walking parks. Mana Pools is a remote and beautiful wilderness where many areas can only be reached on foot. The best bit? The guides in Zimbabwe are world class, so you've got a great shot at getting super close to wildlife like elephants. You'll just need to hold your nerve as you approach on foot for an astonishingly close view. **Visit Mana Pools on our Unsurpassed Zimbabwe itinerary (p104).**

#### GLIDE SILENTLY THROUGH THE DELTA

WHERE? **Okavango Delta, Botswana**

Slow the pace on a tranquil water safari as you glide through the Okavango Delta's maze of shallow waterways in a traditional canoe called a mokoro. There's no engine noise, so you'll get much closer to the animals. As your guide gently poles you along the reed-lined channels, you might spot tiny marbled reed frogs, African fish eagles swooping in for a catch, and herds of elephants grazing on the riverbanks. **Go on a mokoro ride on our Best of Botswana & Victoria Falls itinerary (p102).**

#### RIDE ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAINS

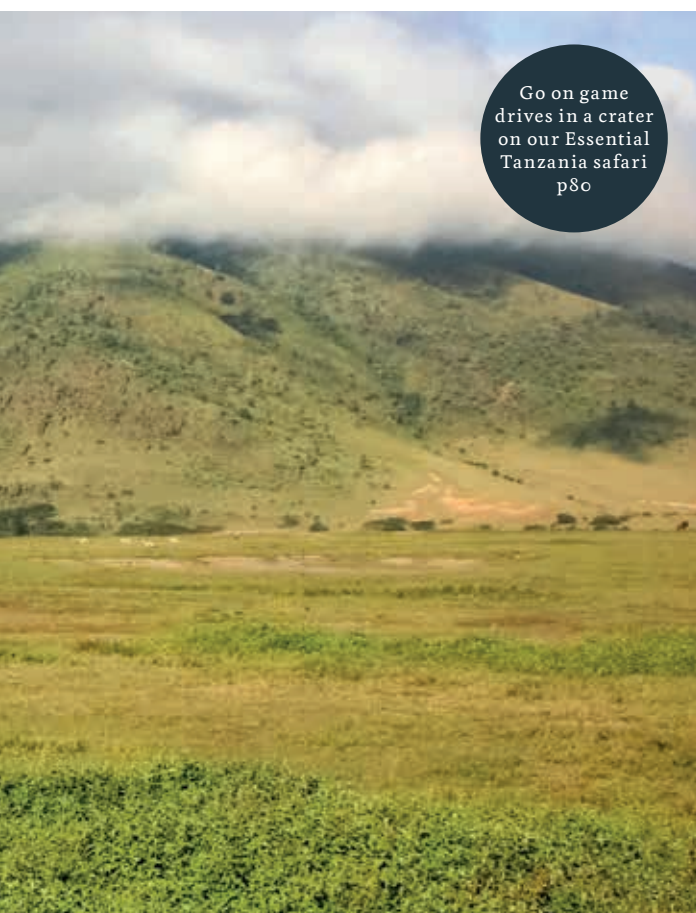
WHERE? **Cape Town, South Africa**

Travel back in time to an era of Edwardian elegance and relax as your train chugs through bushveld and mountains. The Blue Train is a seriously luxurious hotel-on-wheels that has been travelling the 994 miles between Pretoria and Cape Town since 1923. Soak up South Africa's stunning scenery, take your seat at a table laid with crisp white linen to dine on fresh local food like ostrich and oysters, and be rocked to sleep in a wood-panelled berth where kings have slept. **Board a luxury train on our Blue Train & Big Five Safari (p100).**

#### GO ON GAME DRIVES INSIDE A CRATER

WHERE? **Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania**

There are a whopping 30,000 animals in the Ngorongoro Crater. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was created by a volcano that collapsed over two million years ago and it has the densest concentration of wildlife on Earth. The first sight of the crater from the rim is breathtaking and the scenery gets better and better as you descend 600 metres on a game drive to the valley floor. **See the Ngorongoro Crater on our Essential Tanzania safari (p80).**



Go on game  
drives in a crater  
on our Essential  
Tanzania safari  
p80



“Africa gets under your skin. It’s the blazing burnt orange sun that sits low on the horizon and the dusty hot smell of the savannah. If you’ve never been, you have so much to look forward to.”

– Kerry Wight, Africa expert at Kuoni at John Lewis Cheadle









# EAST AFRICA: THE HOME OF SAFARI

No matter how many wildlife documentaries you've seen, nothing can prepare you for the real thing. Welcome to the best animal viewing on the planet.

**Take Jeep rides deep into the wilderness, fly into tiny national park airstrips where lions laze on the runway, and come face-to-face with elephants as they roam freely across the savannah. Book your seat for the greatest wildlife show on Earth (read more on p22-23), where over a million wildebeest migrate across the scorched plains, charging through crocodile-infested rivers and dodging agile big cats.**

## THE HISTORY OF SAFARI

The term 'safari' comes from a Swahili word meaning 'journey'. East Africa is the original safari destination and over the years has been captured in classic movies from *Out of Africa* and *Born Free* to *The Lion King*. In the 1920s, Denys Finch Hatton (one of Britain's early adventurers) began leading safaris in Kenya for guests who wanted the thrill of a wild adventure without compromising on comfort. Along with a handful of other explorers, he set a blueprint for luxury safaris: amazing wildlife experiences, expert guiding and excellent hospitality.

## WHAT'S IT LIKE TO GO ON SAFARI IN EAST AFRICA?

If you're going on safari in Kenya, you'll probably spend your first night at a hotel in Nairobi to relax after your flight, before you catch a small bush plane or Jeep the next

morning. In Tanzania, you'll do the same thing in Arusha. Once you're on safari, a typical day goes along the lines of: wake up with coffee brought to your tent, an early morning game drive (it's when the animals are most active), back to camp for breakfast and lunch and to relax in the hottest part of the day, a mid-afternoon game drive, back to camp for dinner and drinks around the fire. Game drives are in safari vehicles with an expert guide, and the parks don't have fences so the wildlife really is wild. Most land surrounding the national parks is owned by local communities. Camps lease this conservancy land and, as it's private and quieter, it means you can do extra activities like walking safaris and night game drives.

## SAFARI ESSENTIALS

Soft bags are recommended for all safaris and are a must on fly-in safaris, when there's also a luggage limit of 15kg. It can get cold in the evenings and you'll want to be outside as much as possible, so bring layers. Our top tip? Listen to your guide. The guides here are some of the most knowledgeable people on the planet about wildlife, so you'll get an education as well as the best photos.

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Maasai Mara



Amboseli







## WHERE TO STAY

These are a few of our favourite camps and lodges in and around the Maasai Mara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater

GOVERNORS' CAMP, MAASAI MARA, KENYA

**BEST FOR: THE ULTIMATE WILDLIFE LOCATION**

The original deluxe tented camp, in an amazing (and unfenced) spot along the Mara River that was once reserved for Kenya's colonial governors.

PORINI LION CAMP, MAASAI MARA, KENYA

**BEST FOR: ECO CREDENTIALS**

In a community-run conservancy, this tranquil tented camp promotes a vital healthy relationship between local people and wildlife.

SERENGETI BUSHTOPS, TANZANIA

**BEST FOR: ALL-OUT TENTED LUXURY**

Plush tents with private hot tubs, butlers on call and Serengeti sunset views for the very best in wild luxury.

LEMALA NGORONGORO TENTED CAMP, TANZANIA

**BEST FOR: EARLY ACCESS TO THE CRATER**

This new intimate camp has a quick access route that means you can be one of the first to head down into the crater.

See our full range of Kenya and Tanzania accommodation at:

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## OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO

Our must-do experiences in East Africa's iconic parks and reserves

### SPOT BIG CATS IN THE MAASAI MARA

Play hide and seek with lions, leopards and cheetahs in the long grasses of the savannah. The Maasai Mara is the most famous reserve in the world and the big cat viewing is so fantastic that the BBC filmed Planet Earth Live, Dynasties and Big Cat Diary here.

### SEE THE CIRCLE OF LIFE PLAY OUT IN THE SERENGETI

Across the border from Kenya's Maasai Mara, the spectacular Serengeti in Tanzania is vast and wild. The annual wildebeest migration is here for most of the year, so it's one of the best places to see predator versus prey in action.

### TRAVEL DOWN INTO THE NGORONGORO CRATER

The Ngorongoro Crater is unlike anywhere else on Earth. Created by a volcano that collapsed over two million years ago, it has a staggering amount of year-round wildlife – on a game drive to the valley floor you'll be surrounded.

### REACH THE ROOF OF AFRICA ON MOUNT KILIMANJARO

This one's a real bucket lister – a literally breathtaking trek up Africa's highest and most famous mountain. Watching the sunrise from the summit is something you'll never forget.

### SEE ELEPHANTS DWARFED BY KILIMANJARO IN AMBOSELI

In the shadow of Kilimanjaro, huge elephant herds can be seen wherever you look, crossing the park and enforcing the unwritten rule of 'elephants have right of way'. This is the sort of traffic jam you'll be happy to be caught up in.

### GO ON SAFARI IN EAST AFRICA

These iconic itineraries can be tailored to include the camps and experiences of your choice:

Governors' Safari p70

Complete Kenya p78

Tanzania Migration p82

Essential Tanzania p80



# BIG CAT ADVENTURES IN THE MAASAI MARA

Wide open plains where lions roam – the Maasai Mara is the stuff safari dreams are made of.

**“As soon as your light aircraft lands on a small runway on the Mara plains you’re immediately surrounded by wildlife. Within minutes I saw a lioness taking a nap, then suddenly a tiny cub appeared from the tall grass and wandered right in front of us.”**

Andy Fielding, Kuoni Africa expert

## WHAT’S SO GREAT ABOUT THE MAASAI MARA?

It’s the ultimate classic safari experience and the wildlife viewing is great all year. So great that wildlife documentary makers from around the globe flock here to snap the lions, cheetahs and leopards that skulk across the savannah. Yes, the Mara is a tourist honeypot, but the wildlife is staggering. To give you the best chance of a less touristy experience, we can recommend the most authentic places to stay, the best times to visit (it isn’t necessarily peak wildebeest migration time), and the top local guides who know the lions by name and can take you to secret spots where leopards hang out.

## OUR FAVOURITE CAMPS

The Maasai Mara has an overwhelming choice of camps and lodges, but for us it’s all about location. It’s why we love Governors’ Camps – three boutique bush camps located in

an exceptional corner of the Mara where the BBC films Big Cat Diary. Governors’ were the first company to set up a tented camp in the Maasai Mara and we’ve worked with them for over 40 years. Their camps are unfenced, so warthogs chill out by the tents and elephants often wander through the lobby.

## CONSERVATION

Governors’ has an eco-friendly ethos that includes a ‘zero waste’ policy and a 40-year-long commitment to wildlife conservation and the local communities. It funds local medical clinics and schools; not only building primary school classrooms but providing uniforms, paying teachers’ salaries and investing in children throughout their education.

## HOT-AIR BALLOON SAFARIS

The most beautiful balloon flight in the world leaves from Little Governors’ Camp so you can simply wander over to watch the crew inflate the balloon, hop into the basket and you’re up, up, and away. Drift over giraffes, zebra and elephants below and there’ll even be a Champagne breakfast set up wherever you land.

## DISCOVER THE MAASAI MARA ON OUR:

Governors’ Safari p70

Complete Kenya safari p78







## GOVERNORS' MAASAI MARA CAMPS



### GOVERNORS' CAMP

This is the original deluxe tented camp, with 37 tents in a prime spot that was once reserved for Kenya's colonial governors – hence its name.

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### LITTLE GOVERNORS'

A short boat ride across from Governors', Little Governors' is intimate and undisturbed, with 17 tents set around a large watering hole. It's great for honeymooners.

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### GOVERNORS' IL MORAN

Il Moran is the smallest and most luxurious of the three camps – the 10 tents have hand-carved olive wood beds and roll-top baths.

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Mara Bushtops  
is the ultimate  
luxury upgrade



Mara Bushtops



Our Samburu  
& Mara Safari  
is designed for  
families p72







# MAASAI MARA CAMPS & LODGES

The Mara plains are dotted with a huge choice of camps and lodges, all with their own iconic experiences. As well as Governors' Camps (read about them on p16), we've picked our favourites for families, conservancy locations and all-out luxury.

## STAY IN A PRIVATE CONSERVANCY

WHERE? **Karen Blixen Camp, Mara North Conservancy**

This classic tented camp is in a private conservancy (which protects more than 900 hectares via lease agreements with local Maasai landowners) so it means you can do activities that aren't allowed inside the Maasai Mara National Reserve, such as guided game walks and night drives. When the sun sets, the vibe in the African bushland shifts and nocturnal species like aardvarks and jackals wake up to come out and play under moonlit skies.

## SPOT WILDLIFE FROM YOUR PRIVATE HOT TUB

WHERE? **Mara Bushtops, Bushtops Conservancy**

The 12 tents at Mara Bushtops are more like five-star hotel rooms under canvas. All have round-the-clock butler service and a huge deck where you can spot zebra and giraffe from your private hot tub. The camp even has an award-winning spa and there's no better way to end a day out on the dusty open plains than soaking in the star pool, where the twinkling in-water lights – that draw out the Orion constellation – reflect the vast night sky.

## SLEEP AT A MAASAI VILLAGE-INSPIRED LODGE

WHERE? **Mara Serena Safari Lodge, central Mara Triangle**

It's not all about tented camps in the Mara. You can stay somewhere with a proper roof over your head and still have jaw-dropping views across the plains. Mara Serena Safari Lodge has one of the best outlooks in the whole reserve – all the way down to the Mara River. It's a unique lodge that takes its inspiration from a traditional Maasai manyatta (a cluster of domed huts surrounded by a brushwood boma) with earthy tones and swirling patterns to echo the colours and shapes of the bush.

## LET THE KIDS GO WILD

WHERE? **Mara Intrepids, central Maasai Mara**

Mara Intrepids has an Adventurer's Club kids' club for 3-11 year-olds, where animal-obsessed kids can learn all about plants, wildlife and survival skills. It's run by Maasai naturalists and activities include bow and arrow lessons and footprint tracking. At the camp, family tents sleep up to four, and you can have your own family vehicle for game drives to stalk amazing wildlife.

**Choose to stay at these camps and lodges on any of our Kenya safaris (p70-78).**

The views are incredible at the Mara Serena Safari Lodge



Mara Serena Safari Lodge



# BEYOND THE MAASAI MARA

There's more to Kenya than its headline act – like a great lake that's a hot spot for hippos and rugged dustlands where red elephants play.

**There are lesser-visited parts of Kenya, if you know where to look, and they're some of the most interesting places to spot unusual animals. Live out your wildlife dreams on misty mountain slopes, along dry and dusty bush tracks, and in deep forests where you might not see another vehicle all day.**

## RARE WILDLIFE

Kenya's dry north is home to unusual animals you won't see elsewhere. The gerenuk is one of Samburu's 'special five'. With its long neck, large ears and unique way of feeding on its hind legs, it's like a giraffe-gazelle hybrid – in fact its name translates to 'giraffe-necked'. The gerenuk joins the Somali ostrich, Grevy's zebra, beisa oryx and reticulated giraffe to make up the 'special five'. Seeing elephants in Kenya isn't unusual, but have you ever seen a red elephant? In Tsavo, elephants love to take mud baths in the rich iron-oxide soil and end up covered in the red dust. You might also spot some of the country's last 'big tuskers' – elephants with gigantic tusks that reach all the way to the ground.

## DIFFERENT LANDSCAPES

In the far south of Kenya, Tsavo is around the size of Wales and it's spectacularly diverse, with rugged dust-red landscapes, wide open savannah, dense woodlands, rocky outcrops and natural springs. It's the total opposite in Mount Kenya National Park, where you can explore forested slopes backed by mist-covered mountains. In the dry north, Samburu is arid with open plains and clusters of acacia trees, and Meru – home of Born Free's Elsa the lioness – is a glorious wilderness. And then there are the lakes. Lakes Naivasha and Nakuru are part of Africa's Great Rift Valley – a geological phenomenon that can be seen from the moon. Lake Naivasha is the valley's highest lake and one of the few that are freshwater (hippos love its clean waters) and Lake Nakuru is a soda lake surrounded by a gorgeous national park.

## GREAT COMBINATIONS

Thanks to the different landscapes and variety of animals, Samburu, Mount Kenya and Tsavo are excellent areas to combine, especially if you've been to Kenya before and are keen to see much more of the country.

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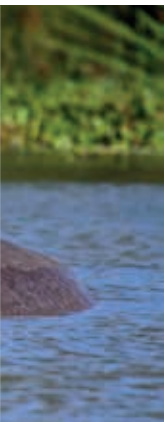


Tsavo



Gerenuk in Samburu





## WHERE TO STAY

These are a few of our favourite camps, lodges and hotels in and around Samburu, Mount Kenya and Tsavo

ELEPHANT BEDROOM CAMP,  
SAMBURU

### BEST FOR: ELEPHANT VISITS

Make way for passing elephants at this intimate camp in Samburu, which has just 12 tents. We love the mini plunge pool on your front deck, the friendly staff and the lantern-lit dinners.

SWEETWATERS SERENA CAMP,  
OL PEJETA, MOUNT KENYA

### BEST FOR: A LARGE TENTED CAMP

At Sweetwaters, there's a watering hole just a few feet away from your tent and gorgeous mountain views. Ol Pejeta also has chimpanzee and rhino sanctuaries.

FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA  
SAFARI CLUB

### BEST FOR: HOLLYWOOD CONNECTIONS

Originally the retreat of a Hollywood movie star, this is an exclusive resort where you can have lunch on the equator (it runs through the 100-acre gardens).

FINCH HATTONS, TSAVO

### BEST FOR: COLONIAL CHARM

Named after the English aristocrat and adventurer, Finch Hattons is all about wild luxury – its sleek tented suites come with copper tubs as standard.

See our full range of Kenya accommodation at:

[kuoni.co.uk/kenya/hotels](http://kuoni.co.uk/kenya/hotels)

## OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO

Our must-do experiences in Kenya's lesser-visited national parks and reserves

### DISCOVER THE SPECIAL FIVE IN SAMBURU

In the dry north of Kenya, Samburu doesn't think all of the attention should go to the Big Five. This arid reserve has its own 'special five': the gerenuk, Somali ostrich, Grevy's zebra, beisa oryx and reticulated giraffe.

### GO ON A NATURE WALK ON THE SLOPES OF MOUNT KENYA

Mount Kenya is Africa's second highest mountain and the Mount Kenya National Park protects the unique ecosystem on its forested slopes. Head out on a guided hike to spot colobus monkeys, white-tailed mongoose and buffalo.

### SPY RHINO ON THE SHORES OF LAKE NAKURU

Lake Nakuru no longer has the millions of flamingos it was once known for (rising water levels forced them to flee), but it's one of the best places to see rhino. Look out for egrets hitching a ride on their rhino pals and if you're lucky, you might even get a glimpse of a rare black rhino.

### SEE A SKY FULL OF STARS IN TSAVO

The night sky in Tsavo is quite something. The skies here are so clear that the stargazing is up there with the best in the world. Finch Hattons has a cosy stargazing terrace that's the perfect spot to curl up with a blanket and look up at the brightest clusters of stars that dot the sky.

### TRAVEL BEYOND THE MARA

These itineraries visit Kenya's lesser-known national parks and can be tailored to include the accommodation and experiences of your choice:

Complete Kenya p78

Samburu & Maasai Mara Family Safari p72

Amboseli, Tsavo & Beach p74



# THE GREATEST WILDLIFE SHOW

The Great Wildebeest Migration brings pounding hooves, clouds of dust and drama down by the river.

**“When the herds arrive in the Maasai Mara, lines of animals stretch across the plains as far as you can see. High above, vultures and eagles soar, while in the long grass, lions and hyenas lie in wait. There’s nothing like seeing the first wildebeest leap into the river and watching as thousands of others follow. Take to the skies on a balloon safari for a magical way to move with the herds.”**

Brooke Halcrow, Africa expert at Kuoni Brighton

## WHAT IS THE GREAT WILDEBEEST MIGRATION?

Over one million wildebeest and other animals make the 1800-mile journey from the Serengeti in Tanzania over the border into Kenya’s Maasai Mara and back. Why? The herbivores have a natural instinct to follow the rains so they can find water and fresh grass. It’s an age-old journey through one of the world’s oldest ecosystems.

## MIGRATORY WILDLIFE

You’ll see thousands of wildebeest. Zebras migrate too so look out for flashes of black and white among the herds, as well as bounding Thomson’s gazelles. It’s not just the migratory wildlife you’ll have better chances of seeing, as the herds attract more predators like lions, leopards and crocodiles.

## WHERE AND WHEN CAN YOU SEE THE MIGRATION?

A rough cycle happens each year. The migration can usually be seen in the Maasai Mara from July to September (sometimes as late as October, when there’s better value and the benefit of fewer vehicles watching the wildlife, too). For the rest of the year, the herds are in the Serengeti. The Serengeti is huge so you’ll need to be in the right part of the park at the right time. Generally this means the southern Serengeti from December to March (most of the wildebeest calves are born here in February), the western Serengeti from April to May, and the northern Serengeti any time from June to October. Our **Tanzania Migration safari (p82)** is designed to get you in the right place at the right time because its Serengeti camp moves with the herds.

## RIVER CROSSINGS

The most dramatic moments take place at the Mara River, where the herds face strong currents and crocodiles. River crossings are unpredictable and can be a waiting game – sometimes the herds are about to cross before making a last-minute retreat. August is typically the best month to see river crossings in the Maasai Mara but in some years you can see crossings until October.



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#### AFRICA'S ALTERNATIVE WILDLIFE MIGRATIONS



##### ZEBRAS CROSSING

See a recently rediscovered migration as zebras move across the Kalahari Desert and arrive in Botswana's lush Makgadikgadi Pans between January and April.

[kuoni.co.uk/zebramigration](https://kuoni.co.uk/zebramigration)



##### WHALES ON THE MOVE

South Africa has the best land-based whale watching in the world. From June to December you can spot southern right whales sheltering in the bay that stretches from Hermanus up the coast.

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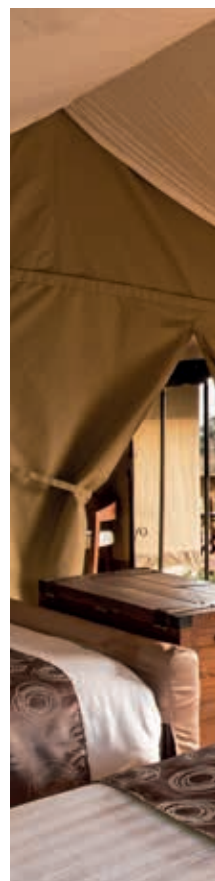


##### ELEPHANTS EN ROUTE

During Tanzania's dry season (July to October), thousands of elephants journey to the year-round waterholes at Tarangire National Park.

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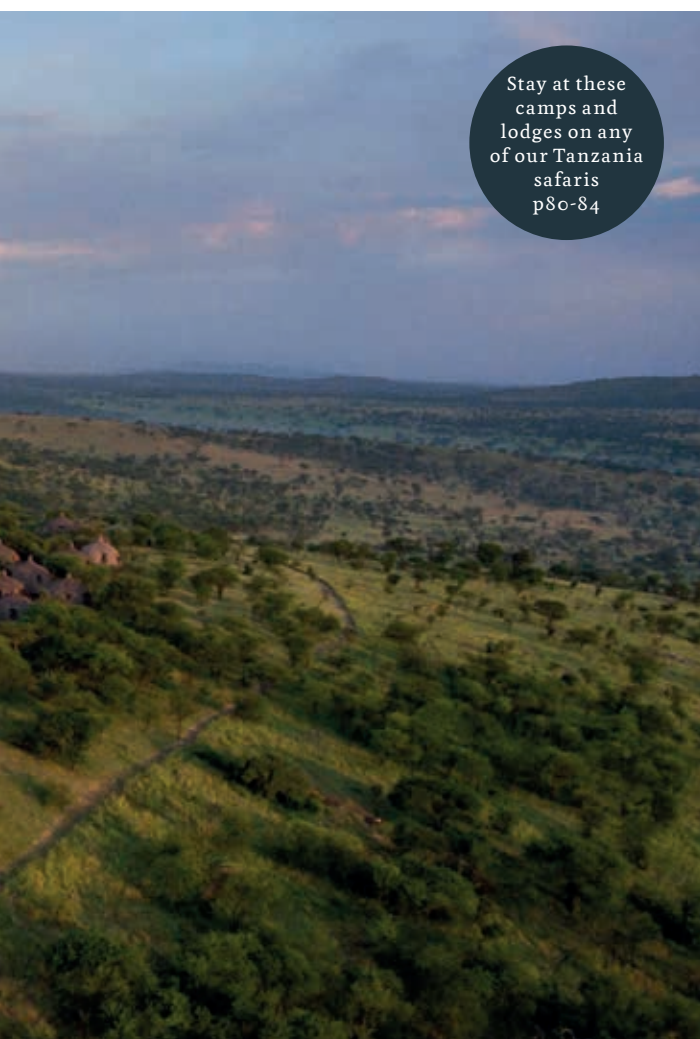








Lemala Ewanjan



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# WHERE TO STAY IN THE SERENGETI

Kenya's Maasai Mara forms just a tiny part of the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem. Over the border in Tanzania, its big sister is so huge it has four key areas and a staggering choice of camps and lodges. We've handpicked some of our favourites.

## THE ULTIMATE IN WILD LUXURY

WHERE? **Serengeti Bushtops, northern Serengeti**

In the heart of the wildebeest migration corridor, rich in wildlife and with astonishing savannah views, Serengeti Bushtops gives you a front seat to nature's most beautiful and raw open-air theatre with a backstage pass to every comfort you need. There are lavish tents decked out with wooden floors, canopied beds and private butlers and then mouth-watering feasts in the open air, remarkable game drives and sundowners around a welcoming campfire.

## MOVE WITH THE MIGRATION

WHERE? **Lemala camps, north or south Serengeti**

Lemala takes its approach to wildlife watching one step further, relocating to give you prime position as the white-bearded wildebeest embark on their annual migration. There's that first sighting of animals while lying in your bed, shared stories around the fire with Maasai night watchmen and the sound of fantastic beasts as you close your eyes. Summer is spent in the north's Lemala Mara and winter in the south's Lemala Ndutu.

## STAY IN A TRADITIONAL THATCHED RONDAVEL

WHERE? **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, central Serengeti**

Separated from the wild by more than just canvas, the thatched roof rondavels of Serena Safari Lodge are Maasai-style rooms with hotel comforts. Nestled among acacia groves you're never far from the alarm call of a dik-dik or a bush baby swinging in the trees. The savannah views are a big pull as is the proximity to the migration herds – from May to July you'll see over a million herbivores chase the rains following a path across the vast Serengeti.

## FAMILY GLAMPING FUN

WHERE? **Lemala Ewanjan, central Serengeti**

The small Lemala Ewanjan camp is perfect for family safaris under canvas. In the sun-drenched Seronera Valley, simbas lounge in the shade, the sound of hyenas keeps curious young minds alert, and the stars are spectacular. Wildlife is abundant year round and for unforgettable family memories, a hot-air balloon ride tops the list.

**Choose to stay at these safari camps and lodges on any of our Tanzania safaris (p80-84).**



# INTO TANZANIA'S GARDEN OF EDEN

You'll find guaranteed game in the Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's natural amphitheatre that's home to a whopping 30,000 animals.

**"I was lost for words at the view point. The clouds cast shadows on the plains beneath us, which made the Ngorongoro Crater look a rainbow of different colours. I could see the lakes, the green grass and desert areas all creating a beautiful contrast. Through the binoculars, I had my first sighting of wildebeest and elephant and I couldn't wait to get down into the crater on a game drive."**

Claire King, Africa expert at Kuoni at John Lewis Welwyn Garden City

## WHAT IS THE NGORONGORO CRATER?

Created by a volcano that collapsed over two million years ago, this UNESCO World Heritage Site has the densest concentration of wildlife on Earth. Over 30,000 animals have made the crater's grasslands, forests, swamps and soda lake their home. The first sight of the crater from the rim is breathtaking and the scenery gets better and better as you descend the 600 metres to the valley floor.

## YEAR-ROUND WILDLIFE

The rich and fertile landscape provides great game viewing year-round, and most animals don't leave the Ngorongoro Crater. You can search for black rhino, hippo,

Thomson's gazelle, flamingo, wildebeest, buffalo, elephant, zebra, cheetah and a large lion population – but don't expect to spot any giraffe, due to the lack of tall acacia trees and steep crater walls. Towards the west side of the crater, the soda lake of Lake Magadi often sees flamingos line its shores.

## WHERE TO STAY

Stay on the rim for the most incredible views. Lodges on the west rim such as **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge** offer spectacular sunrises. You'll find relaxed and boutique lodges outside the crater in the Ngorongoro Highlands which is great for longer stays, as you can easily reach the crater on a day trip but also explore the surrounding coffee plantations and Lake Manyara.

## INSIDER TIPS

Entrance fees to the Ngorongoro Crater are expensive so we recommend you go once, take a picnic and spend the day. For most visitors this is enough time.

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#### OUR FAVOURITE NGORONGORO CAMPS & LODGES



##### GIBB'S FARM

This working farm is tucked away in the Ngorongoro Highlands and it's a tranquil base to explore from. Enjoy the organic produce, try your hand at roasting coffee and admire the resident artists' work.

[kuoni.co.uk/gibbsfarm](http://kuoni.co.uk/gibbsfarm)



##### NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE

Right on the western rim and looking into the crater, this lodge has astounding views. It's been a popular choice for a long time.

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##### LEMALA NGORONGORO TENTED CAMP

This boutique camp has only 12 tents and the location means quick access to the crater, ensuring you're one of the first if you opt for the early game drive.

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# TANZANIA'S SAFARI SECRETS

Where elephants migrate and pelicans flock, dig a little deeper and discover the lesser-travelled side of Tanzania.

**Lose the crowds and gain a spirit of adventure by heading into Tanzania's often overlooked national parks. They might be a challenge to pronounce, but the Selous (Sul-oo) and Ruaha (Roo-ah-ha) offer remote wildlife escapes, while the pretty parks of Tarangire and Manyara are well worth a stop on the drive to Ngorongoro and the Serengeti.**

## GET AWAY FROM THE CROWDS IN THE SELOUS

The sheer size (four times larger than the Serengeti) and wilderness of the Selous mean it's as close as you can get to the original safari experience. Exceptional guides teach you how to animal track and set you up in breathtaking wilderness picnic spots, and monumental days in this UNESCO World Heritage site are topped off overlooking the Rufiji River watching pods of hippo from your pool. It's surprisingly easy to get to the Selous, too – just a 90-minute flight from Zanzibar.

## RUAHA: A RAINBOW OF BIRD LIFE

Among thousand-year-old baobab trees and rock kopjes, untouched Ruaha is south Tanzania's best-kept secret. A land where you're mostly alone when it comes to human visitors, isolation is rewarded

with herds of elephant, prides of lion and African skimmers soaring the wetlands. Look out for vibrant kingfishers, violet crested turacos and our favourite – lilac-breasted rollers. The migration route for eurasian and palearctic birds, Ruaha is an extraordinary introduction to lesser-known parts of Africa.

## TARANGIRE'S ASTONISHING ELEPHANT MIGRATION

Imagine a 600-strong elephant herd in the wilderness. A utopia for elephants (over 2000 live here), Tarangire is a remote northern gem off the beaten track. Visit in dry season as 10,000 elephants migrate across scorched earth into the national park in search of food.

## UP CLOSE WITH FLAMINGOS AND PELICANS IN MANYARA

In the soda ash lake, find a pink pocket of flamingos, colonies of pelican and pods of enormous hippo. North Tanzania's Lake Manyara – on the way to the Ngorongoro Crater – is a beautiful spot to stop. Surrounded by clear streams, ancient tamarind trees and evergreen forest, the big pull here is the aquatic landscape, but look up high and you might also spot tree-climbing lions.

### SEE TANZANIA'S LESSER-VISITED PARKS ON OUR:

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Hippo in Tarangire



Lilac-breasted roller in Ruaha





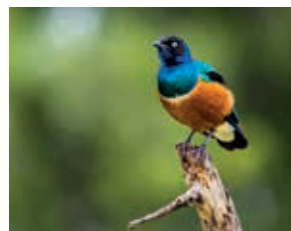
#### OUR RECOMMENDED COMBINATIONS



##### SELOUS & PEMBA

See elephants, lions and hippos in the vast sweep of the Selous before being whisked away to the stunning white-sand Swahili island of Pemba, one of the two main islands that make up Zanzibar.

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##### SELOUS & RUAHA

An authentic double wilderness safari of birds and beasts away from the crowds – discover remarkable bird watching in remote Ruaha and gentle giants in Selous.

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##### TARANGIRE & MANYARA

Tarangire and Lake Manyara are hidden northern circuit gems and from June to September there's a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see elephants migrate.

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# IN SEARCH OF GORILLAS

Get up close with mountain gorillas in the towering bamboo forests of Volcanoes National Park.

**“Suddenly our guide told us to be quiet – in front of us there was a gorilla and her two-month-old infant. They were totally unfazed by us, while we were in complete awe of them. Continuing into a clearing we came across the rest of the family including a huge silverback who was sitting and eating bamboo. When our time was up it was like they knew; the silverback just got up and walked away. It was one of the best hours of my life.”**

Vicki Bramley, Kuoni Africa expert

## VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Volcanoes National Park is where naturalist Dian Fossey (you'll know her name from the film about her life, *Gorillas in the Mist*) carried out much of her incredible gorilla research. Bordering Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, it's dominated by huge bamboo forests, thick rainforest and dramatic volcanic peaks, and is home to around 480 mountain gorillas. The Rwandan side of the park has 10 gorilla families ranging in size from nine to 37 members.

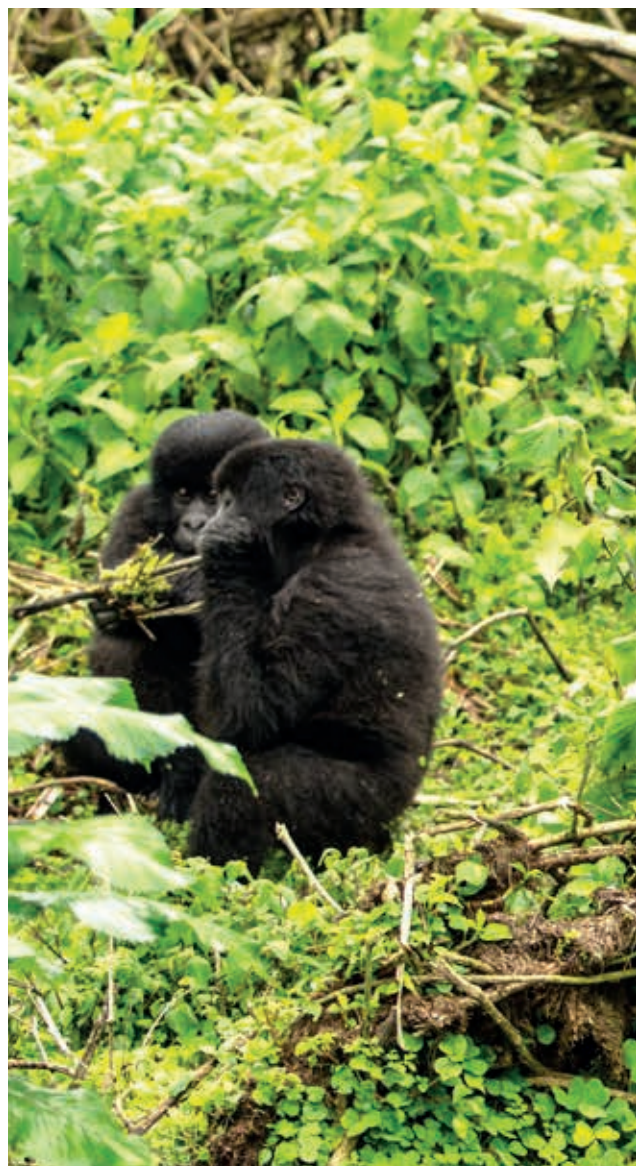
## THE GORILLA TREKKING EXPERIENCE

After being assigned a gorilla family to visit, you'll enter the park with an expert guide in search of these magnificent creatures.

Setting off at dawn, a trek can take anything from 30 minutes to six hours, depending on the habits of the gorilla family you are tracking, and the terrain can be steep, muddy and challenging. But nothing can prepare you for the first time you're under the soft brown-eyed gaze of a mountain gorilla. You might spot young gorillas climbing and playing, or a gentle mother with a tiny wide-eyed baby. And just being close to a huge silverback is enough to make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end.

## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

To get into Volcanoes National Park, you'll need to buy a highly-sought-after permit before your trip. Permits are expensive (around US\$1500 per person at time of print), but it's to help protect the endangered gorillas. Visits are strictly managed; there are a limited number of permits available each day and they're non-refundable. All precautions are taken to protect the gorillas while you're trekking, too. Viewing times are limited to one hour, there's a maximum of eight people per group, and only one visit to each gorilla family per day. This makes the gorilla trekking experience exclusive and offers peace of mind, too.



**GET UP CLOSE WITH MOUNTAIN GORILLAS ON OUR:**

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#### EXPLORE MORE OF RWANDA



##### NYUNGWE FOREST

Chimpanzees are the big draw of Nyungwe National Park. In this mountainous rainforest reserve you can spot young chimps playing and adults swinging effortlessly between the vines.

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##### KIGALI

Rwanda's attractive hillside capital is the cleanest and least frantic of East Africa's capitals. A visit to the thought-provoking Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre is a must.

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##### LAKE KIVU

Lake Kivu is one of the African Great Lakes and covers almost half of Rwanda's western border. The 'beach city' of Kibuye has beautiful views across the lake and peaceful islands.

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“Zanzibar’s northern beaches rival the Maldives. Seeing the sunrise light the sky orange and watching the fishing boats on the horizon is the best way to start the day.”

– Melissa Fritchley, Africa expert at Kuoni Cheltenham









# HIT THE BEACH IN EAST AFRICA

End a safari adventure on powder-soft sands, or jet straight here for a castaway beach escape.

**The Maldives and the Seychelles might grab the Indian Ocean headlines, but you don't need to head this far after your safari to find shining swathes of white sand. At Kenya and Tanzania's beach resorts, you can sleep in luxe boutique hotels, stay entertained with watersports and day trips, and dip into warm Indian Ocean waters.**

## **ZANZIBAR: THE SPICE ISLAND**

On Zanzibar, wooden dhows sail the seas, oceanfront hotels ooze Swahili and Omani influences, and scents of spices fill the air.

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Stone Town is what sets Zanzibar apart from a lot of other islands. It's a real mix of cultural influences, with labyrinthine alleyways, weathered historic buildings, intricate architectural details and bustling curio stalls. Wander around old forts and vibrant markets, then head to a rooftop restaurant for a bite to eat. Stone Town's elaborate teak doors are a photographer's dream. Freddie Mercury was born here so don't miss seeing the island's most famous front door.

Away from the town, fishermen come out as the sun rises, caves are filled with stalagmites, and colobus monkeys play in the Jozani Forest. Expect kitesurfing, snorkelling, kayaking and paddling in bright blue oceans, seafood dining on a rock restaurant set up in the middle of the ocean and snoozing under thatched parasols with a platter of mango, papaya and pineapple. With plenty of stunning hotels to choose from, you can go boutique on award-winning beaches, eco-friendly in private pool villas or all-out indulgent at a spa retreat overlooking the ocean.

## **MOMBASA: GREAT VALUE ALL INCLUSIVE**

A stunning stretch of Kenyan coastline that tips into the Indian Ocean, Mombasa's beaches take you out of epic wilderness and onto the beach, whether you want an all-inclusive hotel overlooking white sands or a Swahili-style boutique among sacred forest. The south coast's world-famous Diani Beach is one of the big draws, with coral reefs so close to the shore you only need a snorkel to explore. There are some excellent all-inclusive hotels and family-friendly resorts and, ultimately, a stay in Mombasa is about a good value traditional beach holiday.

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Zanzibar





#### OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO IN ZANZIBAR



##### VISIT STONE TOWN

Stone Town is an architectural maze. Dine waterfront at nightfall among oil lanterns and discover Arab mansions and those famous mahogany Zanzibar doors.

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##### TAKE A SPICE TOUR

Spice up your plates. A marriage of fragrant cuisine from Persia, India, Sri Lanka and Moluccas, a spice tour in Zanzibar will change the way you cook back home.

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##### SEE RARE RED COLOBUS MONKEYS

From its mangrove swamp entrance to flying monkeys everywhere, a park ranger treetop tour in the Jozani Forest shows off Zanzibar's jungle habitats.

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The Residence Zanzibar



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Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est







Zuri Zanzibar Hotel &amp; Resort



Baraza Resort &amp; Spa

# STAY & EXPERIENCE ZANZIBAR

Follow the jetty over pure white sands to dine on stilts overwater, crush spices at authentic Swahili cooking classes and sail by dhow underneath a burnt orange sky. Our Zanzibar hotels offer immersive island experiences.

## HAVE DINNER OVER THE OCEAN

WHERE? **Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est**

There's an air of luxury at all-inclusive Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est, from the lagoon pool fronted by a jaw-dropping beach to the Rain Spa's jungle scents where treatments are made from honey, wine and gold. And the hotel's seafood restaurant – standing dreamily on its own thatched roof wharf built on stilts above the water – promises fresh lobster right over the Indian Ocean. Oceanfront villas all have private terraces while lantern-lit paths lead down to beach grills under the stars.

## LEARN THE SECRETS OF SWAHILI COOKING

WHERE? **Zuri Zanzibar Hotel & Resort**

It's not just the phenomenal setting and blue lagoon that make this hotel stand out – there are five glades of perfectly sculpted spice gardens where authentic Swahili cookery classes are intended to make your stay even more memorable. It's as you're grating coconut and preparing shellfish that you realise how special this place is. Named after the Swahili word for beautiful, Zuri is contemporary cool with oceanfront villas, bohemian restaurants and a long pool overlooking the ocean.

## TAKE A SULTAN'S BATH FILLED WITH ROSE PETALS

WHERE? **Baraza Resort & Spa**

The crowing jewel at bijou Baraza is the Frangipani Spa, where you can swim laps in the underwater music pool and luxuriate in a rose petal-filled Sultan's Bath. At this top-end retreat, personal service is key and you can also glide under the sea with fins at the Water Club and test your palm weaving skills on Bwejuu Paje Beach – named one of the Top 30 beaches in the world by Condé Nast.

## GO FOR A DIP IN YOUR OWN PRIVATE POOL

WHERE? **The Residence Zanzibar**

The Residence's striking stand-alone villas all have private pools large enough to swim in and come with bright pink bicycles to explore the resort. It's so quiet here that sitting on the jetty as the sun turns pink feels like being on your own private island. Even after hours, authentic experiences ensure you don't miss out on all that extraordinary beauty. The moment you step onto the wooden beam of an age-old dhow and drift along the ocean as the sun goes down is just magical.

**Choose to stay at these Zanzibar hotels after any of our suggested Kenya or Tanzania safaris (p70-84).**



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Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa

AfroChic







Voyager Beach Resort

# STAY & EXPERIENCE MOMBASA

Wake up in driftwood bedrooms overlooking the ocean and dive into an electric blue underwater world. Our handpicked hotels are rooted in the natural wonders and culture of Mombasa.

## SNORKEL WITH SEA HORSES

WHERE? **Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa, Bamburi Beach**

Everything you need is just a few sandy feet away from the calm sapphire ocean at Sarova Whitesands; fresh seafood, a spa overlooking the beach and pools dotted among the palm trees. The best bit? Swap sunglasses for masks as experienced instructors take you out to Mombasa Marine Park to snorkel in a crystal-clear underwater world of red snapper, sea horses and groupers. Lightning-fast fish tickle your feet and green sea turtles swim past as they feed on plants. Then lounge on the top deck of the catamaran as you wind your way back to dry land.

## LET THE KIDS UNLEASH THEIR INNER PIRATE

WHERE? **Voyager Beach Resort, Nyali Beach**

Sky blue and white-washed interiors overlook Nyali Beach, huge daybeds are suspended on ropes and there's swashbuckling adventure from tug of war to chaperoned trips to the water park. All-inclusive Voyager's vibe is quirky and fun, where children can run free at one of Africa's best

safari-style kids' clubs. Nautically themed with lighthouse inspired bars, and ship wheels and anchors to hang from, it's like staying at a big kids' oversized pad with the ocean on your doorstep.

## GO HOME-FROM-HOME AT A BOUTIQUE GEM

WHERE? **AfroChic, Diani Beach**

It's a bit like having your own exclusive villa at AfroChic, where 10 bedrooms with zebra prints and driftwood furnishings are tucked away among the coconut trees on one of the area's most beautiful beaches. Boutique and bohemian, it's the kind of place that gets under your skin just by looking at it. Dine whenever and wherever you want; freshly caught fish chased by Champagne on the beach, passionfruit sorbet on your balcony and seafood platters by the pool. Perfect for unforgettable experiences, like exploring the reef at low tide with a local fisherman.

**Choose to stay at these Mombasa hotels after any of our suggested Kenya safaris (p70-78).**



# OFF-THE-RADAR BEACH RETREATS

Get off the beaten beach track and unwind at a Robinson Crusoe-style hideaway with a difference.

**There's post-safari relaxation, and then there's playing castaway on a digital detox. At these East African beach hideaways, you can take time to breathe and soak up the sun without any distractions.**

## WHY IS PEMBA ISLAND SO SPECIAL?

The Zanzibar archipelago is made up of two main islands and other smaller islands. The main island is Unguja, which most people just call Zanzibar. The second island is Pemba, Zanzibar's little sister, which is a 30-minute light aircraft flight away and a lot less commercial. It's worth the effort to get here; there are just a handful of resorts on the whole island, so it's brilliant for recharging in picture-perfect surroundings. Imagine the scent of suntan lotion, coconut and cloves, infinity pools overlooking a turquoise ocean that glitters like glass, and remote picnics on sun-beamed sandbanks.

One of our favourite getaways on Pemba is Constance Aiyana. It's effortlessly cool, luxurious and all inclusive. Hotel rooms are anything but ordinary; think beach villas with airy lounges, sun-trapped courtyards and white-washed bedrooms with ocean views.

When you want your water to come from coconuts and your only neighbours to be monkeys, Fundu Lagoon is the place to be. It can only be reached by speedboat and is a bamboo-built bolthole reminiscent of Crusoe island life. Wake up in a thatched-roof beach bungalow to the sound of the ocean, take a dip in the hillside infinity pool and kick off your shoes to walk barefoot along the jetty towards the glow of a rustic cocktail bar.

## MOMBASA'S BAREFOOT-LUXE BEACH ESCAPE

Mombasa has lots of popular large hotels, but it's also home to somewhere a little different. A stay at Kinondo Kwetu is all about lobster by the ocean, yoga at sunrise and borrowing books from the huge library to sneak away to tiny nooks. A Swedish and Swahili mix of white linens and African architecture – and owned by relatives of Baron Blixen – there are cottages on the beach and raved-about dining in enchanting places, like in the water tower or an old boat on the beach. On Mombasa's most beautiful beach but cut off for complete privacy, this intimate hotel's philosophy is switch off and recharge. There's no phone, TV or Wi-Fi in the rooms – and they plan to keep it this way.

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Kinondo Kwetu



Pemba Island





#### OUR RECOMMENDED BEACH HIDEAWAYS



##### CONSTANCE AIYANA, PEMBA ISLAND

Find your barefoot bliss at all-inclusive Constance Aiyana on the remote beaches of Pemba Island. This is beach chic with a real sense of Africa.

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##### FUNDU LAGOON, PEMBA ISLAND

Get away from it all at this bohemian retreat with romantic thatched-roof suites and ocean views. Think no news, no shoes and no dressing up for dinner.

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##### KINONDO KWETU, MOMBASA

Head to quiet Galu Beach for a complete digital detox that will remind you of the stillness of the savannah. The personal service here means you can completely relax.

[kuoni.co.uk/kinondokwetu](http://kuoni.co.uk/kinondokwetu)







“Gentle, emotional and highly intelligent – there’s something special about spotting elephants in the wild. Coming across a huge herd with their babies is a highlight of any safari.”

– Natasha Gatenby, Africa expert at Kuoni Brighton





# CAPE TOWN: AFRICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY

Discover Cape Town's glossy golden beaches, rich and complex history, and world-class food and wine.

**Cape Town is stunning from sea to sky, with its colour-pop neighbourhoods, rugged coastline and iconic flat-top mountain that's spectacular whether it's backed by a bright blue sky or shrouded in a 'tablecloth' of clouds. Most travellers start their South Africa adventure in Cape Town and take a few days to soak up the highlights of this laid-back waterfront city.**

## FOOD & DRINK

Cape Town's food scene is first class. The hub of the city's eateries are down by the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and along Kloof and Long streets, where restaurants encourage long, lazy lunches and serve everything from sweet Cape Malay curries to Michelin-starred seafood. You'll also find some of the finest steakhouses alongside street food favourites like biltong. We love the Old Biscuit Mill complex in Woodstock, where every Saturday the buzzing Neighbourgoods Market hosts over 100 food stalls. Afternoon tea is a big deal in Cape Town and classic hotels like the Belmond Mount Nelson and One&Only put on the most extravagant spreads. For food with a history lesson on the side, the colourful Bo-Kaap neighbourhood is the place to

go for an authentic insight into traditional Cape cuisine.

## ART & CULTURE

There's plenty of traditional charm in Cape Town but it has a cool urban edge, too. Design hotels are on the up, like The Silo which sits above Zeitz MOCAA – Africa's biggest collection of contemporary art. Down by the waterfront, the Watershed is an exhibition space that showcases local art and crafts. Colourful Bo-Kaap is a former township with a distinct Malay culture, while District Six offers an insight into South Africa's complex political past.

## WHEN TO VISIT

You can visit Cape Town year-round but summer (November to March) is the most popular time as days are mostly warm and sunny. December to January is peak season when temperatures average at around 21°C. From the beginning of July to the end of September, expect colder days and rain in the Western Cape. The best time to visit Cape Town isn't always the best time to travel to other areas of South Africa; for Kruger National Park it's May to September and for whale watching visit between June and December.

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Cape Town



Boulders Beach



Bo-Kaap





## WHERE TO STAY

**Cape Town's accommodation is a mix of classic icons and sleek new design hotels**

### VICTORIA & ALFRED HOTEL

**BEST FOR: BEING AT THE CENTRE OF THE ACTION**

Built in 1904 as the North Quay Warehouse, the V&A Hotel has a superb setting right on the waterfront with restaurants and bars on its doorstep.

### THE BAY HOTEL, CAMPS BAY

**BEST FOR: BEACH GLAMOUR**

This A-list favourite by the sands of glitzy Camps Bay is a retro-retreat with private beach club and poolside cabanas.

### MORE QUARTERS

**BEST FOR: FAMILY FLEXIBILITY**

These designer self-catering apartments are a home-from-home in the heart of town.

### THE TWELVE APOSTLES HOTEL & SPA

**BEST FOR: A HIGH-END HIDEAWAY**

Follow the cool Capetonians and retreat a little further in Camps Bay to a plush hotel between the ocean and Table Mountain National Park.

### BELMOND MOUNT NELSON HOTEL

**BEST FOR: HERITAGE AND HISTORY**

A Cape Town landmark with a grand soft-pink exterior surrounded by beautiful jacarandas and immaculate rose gardens.

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## OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO

Our must-do experiences in and around Cape Town

### TAKE A RIDE TO THE TOP OF

#### **TABLE MOUNTAIN**

Scale the mountain in a revolving cable car, travelling all the way to the uniquely flat summit to discover rich flora and fauna and take in the panoramic views over the city and ocean beyond. Wind and rain can often close the cable car, so when it's open we recommend dropping everything to head up.

### SEE TINY PENGUINS AT

#### **BOULDERS BEACH**

Granite boulders frame the frosted white sands at Boulders Beach near Simon's Town on the way to the Cape Peninsula. But it's the thousands of little African penguins that steal the show as they waddle back to the dunes after a day at sea.

### SIP YOUR WAY AROUND THE

#### **CAPE WINELANDS**

If you're not travelling on to the Winelands after a stay in Cape Town, a day trip to South Africa's vine-carpeted valleys is a must to sample the plum-tinged Pinotages and crisp Sauvignon Blancs.

### GET A FIRST-HAND HISTORY LESSON AT

#### **ROBBEN ISLAND**

Tour the island where Nelson Mandela was held captive, with an ex-political prisoner as your guide. Make sure you book in advance as there are limited spaces on the day.

### DRIVE THE OPEN ROAD AT

#### **CHAPMAN'S PEAK**

Cruise along the rugged 'Chappies' coastline that ribbons between Noordhoek and Hout Bay for breathtaking views of mountain peaks and sweeping sandy bays.

### HOW TO SEE CAPE TOWN

These suggested itineraries all begin in Cape Town and can be tailored to include the accommodation and experiences of your choice:

Safari & the City p90

Cape Town, Sabi Sands & Mozambique p92

Route 62 Gourmet Self-Drive p94

Blue Train & Big Five Safari p100



# A TASTE OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Winelands have rolling vineyards of fruity whites, full-bodied reds and fresh local produce.

**“The Franschhoek Wine Tram is one of the best ways to discover this area’s picturesque vineyards, breathtaking scenery, world-class cuisine and fine wines. You can hop on and off at different vineyards on the open-sided tram and bus, stopping at some of South Africa’s oldest and most distinguished wine estates for tastings and cellar tours.”**

Nicola Smith, Africa expert at Kuoni Cambridge

## FRANSCHHOEK & STELLENBOSCH

Raise a glass or two of seriously good wine at acclaimed cellar doors in the Cape Wineland towns of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek, South Africa’s go-to wine tasting destinations. Franschhoek is the gourmet capital, where you’ll find hand-turned sparkling wines, ridiculously good restaurants, the Wine Tram and spectacular wine estates packed into its valley. Historic Stellenbosch is bigger and busier with over 150 wine estates including some of the most established wineries alongside up-and-coming, experimental ones. It’s South Africa’s second oldest town with classic architecture, university students that keep things lively and top-notch bars and restaurants. Grab a bottle and a picnic lunch from one of the

wineries – the **Spier Wine Farm** is a favourite – and go off to find a private patch for the day.

## GETTING AROUND

The Cape Winelands are just an hour’s drive from Cape Town. If you’re on a self-drive holiday, it’s best to leave your car at your hotel and make the most of wine tastings on a private tour or on the hop-on-hop-off Franschhoek Wine Tram. A quieter and lesser-known region is the wine route, Route 62. It’s the natural next stop for discovering smaller wineries and cute towns like Robertson, the home of Klipdrift Brandy.

## WHERE TO STAY

There are grand hotels that are nestled in their own wine estates or line the main streets in quaint, historic buildings. **Mont Rochelle (p100)** in Franschhoek has dazzling valley views to play with, while upscale **Leeu House (p94)** is right in town, surrounded by fine dining restaurants that complement its own. In Stellenbosch, **Oude Werf Hotel** claims to be the country’s oldest hotel, and you’re rewarded if you go off the beaten track; **The Robertson Small Hotel (p94)** is a boutique gem on Route 62 with 10 bold, arty suites and a prized pint-sized eatery.

## TASTE THE BEST FOOD AND DRINK ON OUR:

Route 62 Gourmet Self-Drive p94  
Blue Train & Big Five Safari p100



Mont Rochelle, Franschhoek



Franschhoek Wine Tram





#### CLASSIC SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD TO TRY



##### BUNNY CHOW

Originating in KwaZulu-Natal, bunny chow was a staple for working labourers and is a hollowed-out half loaf of bread, filled with spicy curry.

[kuoni.co.uk/kwazulunatal](http://kuoni.co.uk/kwazulunatal)



##### KNYSNA OYSTERS

Our Knysna Oyster Cruise on the Garden Route will take you across the lagoon to learn about this delicacy, so you can taste wild and cultivated oysters with a glass of wine.

[kuoni.co.uk/gardenroute](http://kuoni.co.uk/gardenroute)



##### BRAAI

A braai is a sociable barbecue cooked over an open flame. Most lodges and safari camps will have braais, where outdoor dinners are all part of the safari experience.

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# BEYOND THE CAPE: HERMANUS & THE GARDEN ROUTE

After Cape Town comes South Africa's self-drive country of tucked-away wine regions, coastal towns and super-green nature reserves.

**The Garden Route is an easy-going guide to South Africa's spectacular scenery. Explore coastlines that border whale-friendly waters from Hermanus and Gansbaai, to deep green supersized forests, with lots of charming detours on the way.**

## HERMANUS

Hermanus is the only place in the world where there's someone with a kelp horn always at the ready – the town has a whale crier whose sole purpose is to let everyone else know when there are whales offshore. This is the best place on Earth for land-based whale watching, where cliffside trails beckon you outdoors and you can keep watch for southern right whales between June and December. And it's only around an hour and a half's drive from Cape Town.

## GARDEN ROUTE

The Garden Route is threaded with relaxed coastal towns as it skims the shoreline. Knysna is loved by locals and visitors for its relaxed vibe – hike, run and cycle around its nature trails, taste wild oysters and go cruising to where the lagoon meets the ocean. At Plettenberg Bay, or 'Plett' as the locals call it, you can keep a lookout for dolphins and whales, or kayak to Robberg

Nature Reserve to watch a Cape fur seal family bask in the sunshine. Wander around the huge trees linked by zip-lines and platforms at Tsitsikamma National Park, get the kids outdoors with horseriding and surfing and experience the scale of South Africa's biodiversity. Further along the coast, there's unspoilt beaches and golfing at Cape St. Francis.

## HOW TO DO IT

Self-driving in South Africa is easy. Road conditions are good, driving is on the left-hand side and there are plenty of stops to add in to make the pace as leisurely as you like. It's a great itinerary for family adventures (read more on p96). There are two main routes to get onto the Garden Route. Both meet at George and start in Cape Town; Route 62 takes you inland over mountains from Robertson and Montagu and down through desert-like scenery and rocky gorges to Oudtshoorn; the other path is the N2 coastal way via Hermanus to Mossel Bay. The N2 is the more popular route, especially from September to October when it's whale season.

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Tsitsikamma National Park



Knysna



Grootbos Private Nature Reserve





#### WHERE TO STAY

The Garden Route has hidden gems from offbeat boutique finds to nature-embracing private reserves

**TURBINE BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, KNYSNA**

**BEST FOR: UPCYCLED STYLE**

This quirky boutique hotel has refreshed its old power station interiors for a one-of-a-kind stay on Knysna Lagoon.

**LAIRDS LODGE, NEAR PLETTENBERG BAY**

**BEST FOR: GOURMET DINING**

Tucked between Knysna and Plettenberg Bay, this Cape Dutch country lodge serves local produce in exquisite four-course dinners.

**GROOTBOS PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE, GANSBAAI**

**BEST FOR: ECO ESCAPISM**

Grootbos is a sensational display of nature nestled between mountains, forest and sea.

**HOG HOLLOW COUNTRY LODGE, NEAR PLETTENBERG BAY**

**BEST FOR: OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

Go horse riding, follow hiking trails and take in sweeping views of the Tsitsikamma Mountains at this country lodge.

**CAPE ST. FRANCIS RESORT, CAPE ST. FRANCIS**

**BEST FOR: BEACH VIBES**

With direct access to the beach and stunning ocean views, these villas are perfect for privacy and home comforts.

See our full range of Garden Route accommodation at:

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## OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO

Our must-do experiences in and around Hermanus & the Garden Route

**FOLLOW THE LIFE AQUATIC**

**IN HERMANUS AND GANSBAAI**

Head out for a cage dive in Gansbaai and come face-to-face with a great white shark or stay on dry land for whale-watching in Hermanus between June to December.

**MAKE FEATHERY FRIENDS**

**IN OUDTSHOORN**

Oudtshoorn is loaded with nature – meet its most famous resident, the ostrich; watch meerkats in their natural habitat at sunrise; and go underground to see waterfall formations at Congo Caves.

**GLIDE AMONG THE TREETOPS**

**IN TSITSIKAMMA FOREST**

Breeze past some of South Africa's tallest trees and brightly coloured birdlife like the Knysna loerie and Narina trogon on zip-lines between 30-metre-high platforms.

**GO SEA KAYAKING WITH DOLPHINS**

**IN PLETTENBERG BAY**

Kayak right beside dolphins as they swim, leap and frolic, and head over to Robberg Nature Reserve for a close encounter with the Cape fur seal colony. If you're lucky, you might even find yourself next to some visiting whales.

**SHUCK OYSTERS ON A CRUISE IN KNYSNA**

Cruise out on the lagoon towards Knysna Heads for oyster tasting and wine on board.

#### HOW TO SEE THE GARDEN ROUTE

These suggested itineraries feature the Garden Route and can be tailored to include the accommodation and experiences of your choice:

The Garden Route – Family Edition (N2) p96  
Route 62 Gourmet Self-Drive p94



# NATURAL HISTORY: KWAZULU-NATAL

The home of the Zulus is often overlooked but is brimming with unexpected nature and powerful history.

**What do Liverpool FC's stadium, the conservation of the southern white rhino, and a battle witnessed by Churchill and Gandhi have in common? They're all linked to South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province.**

## HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS

Backed by the odd jagged peak and decorated with small piles of white stones and lonely monuments, KwaZulu-Natal's battlefields play an important role in South African and British history. Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift were pivotal in the Anglo-Zulu War, and at Spioenkop, the second Anglo-Boer War played out with war correspondent, Winston Churchill, and stretcher bearer, Mahatma Gandhi, both present. 'The Kop' will sound familiar to football fans; Liverpool FC's Anfield Stadium has a stand named after the battle in honour of the fallen Liverpoolian and Lancastrian soldiers. Stay close to the battlefields at community-led hotels like **Three Tree Hill (p98)** and **Fugitive's Drift (p98)** for tours with master storytellers.

## BEAUTIFUL BUSHVELD

You'll get the same famous Big Five in KZN as in South Africa's more famous parks, but there'll be fewer people to have to share it

with. Game drives here feel more off the beaten track and come with unexpected surprises. Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park is South Africa's oldest reserve – and is where the southern white rhino was saved from extinction in the 1950s and in Lake Jozini, you might spot wild elephants swimming. There's a luxury option here too; **Thanda Safari Private Game Reserve (p98)** is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World.

## GOLDEN BEACHES

The coast around down-to-earth Durban is bathed in warm weather all year round and bottlenoses are often spotted offshore further up along the Dolphin Coast. Upmarket Umhlanga Rocks has a biscuit-coloured beach that goes on for miles – the place to stay here is **The Oyster Box Hotel (p98)**, a local institution with the nicest sunset views.

## GETTING THERE

British Airways's new direct flights to Durban means KwaZulu-Natal is more accessible than ever. The best way to see KZN's bush, beach and battlefields is on a self-drive; our suggested itinerary (p98) includes all three. Durban is well connected with flights to Cape Town and Johannesburg too.

## SEE KWAZULU-NATAL ON OUR:

Bush, Beach & Battlefields itinerary p98



Amphitheatre, Drakensberg



Isandlwana





#### OUR FAVOURITE PLACES TO STAY IN KWAZULU-NATAL



##### SURF & SAND

The Oyster Box Hotel is the kind of hotel you'd make an extra effort to get to. Its style is all about nautical elegance and the boldly striped sun loungers match the iconic lighthouse view.

[kuoni.co.uk/oysterboxhotel](https://www.kuoni.co.uk/oysterboxhotel)



##### WILD LUXURY

Thanda Safari Private Game Reserve is a spectacular KwaZulu-Natal safari with big cats, a connection with Zulu culture and a choice between gorgeous tents and villas.

[kuoni.co.uk/thandasafari](https://www.kuoni.co.uk/thandasafari)



##### HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS

Stay at boutique and family-run Fugitive's Drift, and travel back in time with a raw, emotional tour of Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana battlefields.

[kuoni.co.uk/fugitivesdrift](https://www.kuoni.co.uk/fugitivesdrift)



# SOUTH AFRICA: ON SAFARI IN STYLE

South Africa refines the safari concept with a smorgasbord of incredible lodges and experiences.

**Variety is what South Africa does best and the same goes for its safaris. It has Kruger – one of Africa's largest parks – and the malaria-free Eastern Cape, as well as gems like Madikwe in the north. You're never too far from a stray into the wild.**

## WHAT'S A SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI LIKE?

South Africa is great for spotting the Big Five animals – they're so iconic that they even made it onto South African rand banknotes. For safaris in South Africa, we prefer private reserves, where you can go off-road on game drives to get as close as possible to a springbok-chasing lion or an impala escape artist. Accommodation is better quality than in the main parks (see more on p54 & 56) and game drives are usually twice a day in open-sided 4x4s. Many private reserves offer walking safaris where a guide will show you tell-tale footprints and close-ups of smaller creatures you might've otherwise missed, and night drives to spot the nocturnal wildlife. We feature reserves all across South Africa so adding a few wild nights (we recommend at least three) to your holiday is easy. The two most popular areas are the Greater Kruger National Park area and the Eastern Cape.

## KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA

While Kruger National Park is a bucket list staple, its popularity usually means lots of visitors and crowded camps. This is why we feature the quieter private reserves that border the main park, many of which are unfenced so the Big Five & co. can roam freely between the combined areas. Sabi Sands is the most exclusive reserve, known for its leopards and ultra-luxe lodges like **Lion Sands Game Reserve (p54)**.

## EASTERN CAPE

The Eastern Cape is an accessible option that easily fits in with a holiday in the Western Cape. From Cape Town, it's around an hour's flight into Port Elizabeth, followed by a short drive to your chosen reserve – or an extension to a Garden Route self-drive (p96). The reserves are malaria-free and there are gorgeous lodges like the ones at **Shamwari Private Game Reserve (p96)**, which also runs a big cat sanctuary in partnership with The Born Free Foundation.

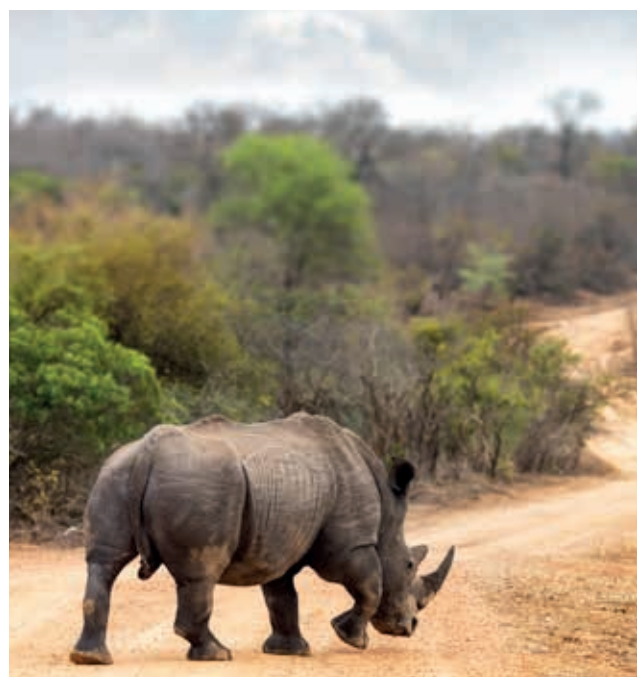
### GO ON A SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI ON OUR:

Safari & The City itinerary p90

Cape Town, Sabi Sands & Mozambique itinerary p92



Kruger National Park







Kruger National Park

## SOUTH AFRICA'S GAME RESERVES: THE BEST OF THE REST



### CHARMING MADIKWE

You'll be off the tourist trail in Madikwe, a lesser-visited park in the north west known for its endangered African wild dogs.

[kuoni.co.uk/madikwe](http://kuoni.co.uk/madikwe)



### WISTFUL WATERBERG

Safaris in Marataba come with an extra romantic edge – game drives and river cruises are all backdropped by the dramatic Waterberg Mountains.

[kuoni.co.uk/waterberg](http://kuoni.co.uk/waterberg)



### CULTURAL KWAZULU-NATAL

Combine battlefield touring (p98) with a safari in South Africa's oldest national park, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, and wetlands teeming with hippo and swimming elephants.

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Add one  
of these  
experiences  
to Cape Town,  
Sabi Sands &  
Mozambique  
p92



Tinyeleti Treehouse, Lion Sands



Little Garonga, Garonga Safari Camp







# LUXURY LODGES IN KRUGER

Elevate your Kruger safari and stay at an ultra-luxe lodge, where you can add unique experiences like a treehouse sleepover with a Champagne picnic or a private bubble bath out in the rugged bushveld.

## TAKE A BUBBLE BATH UNDER THE NIGHT SKY

WHERE? **Garonga Safari Camp, Makalali Game Reserve**

Picture a bath full of bubbles to slip into, maybe with your favourite other. Then imagine it under a starry canopy in the stillness of the African wilds. Surrounded by candlelight with nothing but the twinkling sky in sight, the bubble bath experience at Garonga Safari Camp is an instant mood-turner that's included in your stay – just tell the staff when you'd like one.

basket of treats as the sun goes down, before curling up by the glow of lamps for a night in a canopied four-poster bed under the stars.

## STAY IN YOUR OWN PRIVATE CAMP

WHERE? **Little Garonga, Garonga Safari Camp, Makalali Game Reserve**

Little Garonga is about as intimate as safari camps get. Nestled deep in the bushveld, it has just three suites and a cosy, communal lounge that opens up to a braai (barbecue) area. It's an epic private camp for families and group getaways – booking all three suites means you'll get the camp's host and chef all to yourselves as well as your own 4x4s when you're out on game drives.

**Add one of these amazing experiences or choose one of these incredible lodges on our Cape Town, Sabi Sands & Mozambique itinerary (p92).**

## SLEEP OUT IN A TREEHOUSE

WHERE? **Lion Sands Game Reserve, Kruger & Sabi Sands**

The photos only give you an inkling of how magical Lion Sands' treehouses are. They're the ultimate grown-up hideouts. There's three to choose from depending on the lodge you stay at and each is beautifully isolated and complemented by a Champagne picnic. Use the flashlight to look for wildlife in the distance from your lofty lodgings and graze on a decadent



Garonga Safari Camp



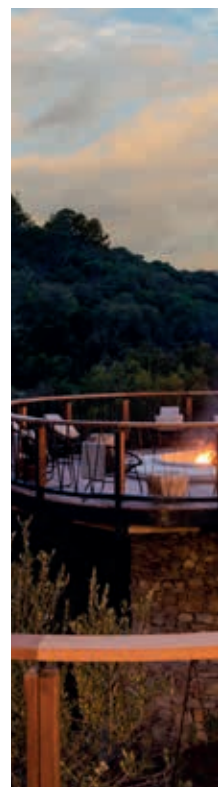
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these immense  
lodges to our  
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itinerary p90



Ukhozi Lodge, Kariega



Settlers Drift, Kariega







# THE BEST SAFARIS IN THE EASTERN CAPE

The Eastern Cape's game reserves are so versatile – pack a checklist for the kids to tick off the Big Five on their first safari or steal away in an amazing hideout with hardly anyone else around.

## A GREAT FAMILY ADVENTURE

WHERE? **Riverdene Lodge, Shamwari**

Because it's malaria-free, the Eastern Cape is a great choice for families and some lodges make taking the whole troop along even easier. At Shamwari's Riverdene Lodge, kids are kitted out with a safari backpack and the guides are pros at keeping wandering minds absorbed. Explorers as young as four are allowed on game drives (the minimum age is six at most lodges) and everything's built for comfort and convenience, like modern suites that interconnect.

## A SUPER-SWISH HONEYMOON

WHERE? **Ukhozi Lodge, Kariega**

At Kariega, you'll find a sleek little sanctuary that faces the magnificent bush and beyond – with hardly anyone else around. The half-moon pool at Ukhozi Lodge has unbelievable bushveld views and the lodge's gorgeous Habitat-meets-Africa interiors are the kind of easy-on-the-eye décor that makes every day feel like a treat. There are only 10 suites and best of all, you'll get a unique valley view from your personal plunge pool.

## AN EXCLUSIVE ESCAPE

WHERE? **Settlers Drift, Kariega**

Sheltered under classic billowy canvas, the sublime tents at Settlers Drift are almost impossible to leave. It'll feel like you have the whole place to yourself as you look out to uninterrupted views from almost every side of your tent; each tent is cleverly spaced apart so you won't see any other. Set off for six-seater vehicle game drives with binoculars and blankets for when it gets chilly, and spend evenings by your log burner, making your way through the well-stocked minibar.

## ALL-OUT LUXURY

WHERE? **Eagles Crag Lodge, Shamwari**

This is Shamwari's finest lodge, a high-design masterpiece peppered with viewpoints at the end of winding wooden walkways and surrounded by the rocky cliffs that give it its name. There's a maximum of 18 guests at any one time and the staff are so good that rangers are often requested by name.

**Stay in one of the Eastern Cape's brilliant lodges on our Safari & The City itinerary (p90) or The Garden Route – Family Edition (p96).**



Eagles Crag Lodge, Shamwari



# BOTSWANA: AFRICA'S MOST EXCLUSIVE SAFARI

From mokoro trips in the delta to sunset cruises along the Chobe River, Botswana is safari but not as you know it.

**Unique natural landscapes and remote top-end lodges awash with safari nostalgia – Botswana offers some of the finest wildlife experiences on land and on water. Yes, it's expensive, but you're paying for the luxury of space and silence.**

## WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT BOTSWANA?

It's beautiful, serene and pristine – with lodges that are so remote you'll need to fly to most places. Drift gently through the beautiful maze of tiny islands and winding waterways in the Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta and a magnet for wildlife when the floods come. Encounter hippo, crocodiles and a huge herd of Kalahari elephants in the wild beauty of Chobe National Park, marvel at the otherworldly landscapes of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans or stick to a classic game drive in Moremi Game Reserve – a remarkable wildlife haven on the eastern side of the Okavango Delta where big cats and wild dogs roam.

## OUR FAVOURITE CAMPS

Desert & Delta's superb safari camps and lodges are some of

our favourites in Botswana. In the heart of the Okavango Delta, Camp Okavango provides year-round access to the delta's winding waterways, while in Moremi Game Reserve, Camp Moremi sits secluded on the edge of the Xakanaxa Lagoon.

## CHOBES ANGELS

We love Desert & Delta camps for their commitment to conservation. Safari guiding in Africa has always been a male-dominated industry, but the all-female guiding staff – known as Chobe's Angels – at Chobe Game Lodge are leading the way in turning this on its head. The first, and only, all-female guiding team in Africa has become a massive inspiration for female empowerment across the country; where once there were just 10 female safari guides in Botswana, today there's more than 50 women employed in guiding positions throughout the country. Beyond its all-female guides, Chobe Game Lodge is also a first-class retreat for responsible tourism; staff are local, there's an on-site water treatment centre, and it's the first lodge in Africa to include emission-free silent 4x4 vehicles in its fleet and riverboats for its safaris.

**DISCOVER AFRICA'S MOST EXCLUSIVE SAFARI  
DESTINATION ON OUR:**

Best of Botswana & Victoria Falls safari p102



Okavango Delta



Okavango Delta





#### OUR FAVOURITE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES IN BOTSWANA



##### MOKORO SAFARI

The intricate waterways of the Okavango Delta are best explored by a traditional mokoro – a streamlined canoe which expertly meanders the shallow floodplains.

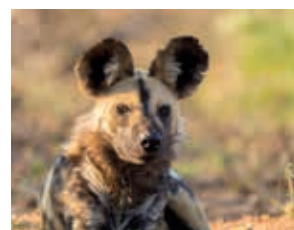
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##### CHOBÉ RIVER CRUISE

Offering a different vantage point, river cruises in Chobe National Park give you the chance to spot water-dwelling creatures like hippo and crocodiles up close.

[kuoni.co.uk/chobenationalpark](http://kuoni.co.uk/chobenationalpark)



##### MOREMI GAME DRIVES

Moremi Game Reserve is the classic safari experience; from big cats to wild dogs, game drives here give you the chance to see as much of its superb wildlife as possible.

[kuoni.co.uk/moremigamereserve](http://kuoni.co.uk/moremigamereserve)



# VICTORIA FALLS: THE SMOKE THAT THUNDERS

A national icon and natural border between Zimbabwe and Zambia, Victoria Falls is one of Africa's superstars.

**One of the largest and most spectacular waterfalls on the planet, Victoria Falls has had UNESCO World Heritage status since 1989 and is one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. Whether you're on safari in Botswana's Chobe National Park or planning to see more of the wildlife-rich regions in Zimbabwe, these world-famous waterfalls are a superb start or end to a Southern Africa adventure.**

## HISTORY OF THE FALLS

It was in 1855 that Scottish explorer David Livingstone first gave the falls its modern name. But in the local Kololo language, Victoria Falls is called Mosi-oa-Tunya: 'the smoke that thunders'. And yes, it really does thunder. This is the largest curtain of falling water in the world, with up to five-hundred-million cubic metres of water per minute crashing down into the gorge below, and its billowing clouds of mists which can be spotted from more than 10 miles away.

## ZAMBIA OR ZIMBABWE?

Victoria Falls can be seen from both Zimbabwe and Zambia. You'll find roughly three quarters of the falls and 16 incredible viewpoints in Zimbabwe – this is where you'll get the best full-length shots of

the falls, and it's also the side to visit if you want to see the iconic rainbow arch at Rainbow Falls. While a much smaller section, the Zambian side of the falls has a few tricks up its sleeve. Footpaths reach right to the edge, with the aptly-named Knife Edge Bridge taking you over the gorge and incredibly close to the cascading waters. The Zambian side is where you'll find Devil's Pool, one of the falls' most famous natural attractions, and it's the better option if you're after the most dramatic sunset shots of the falls.

## WHEN TO VISIT

Victoria Falls is impressive year-round, but there are distinct wet and dry seasons. Between May and November, the dry season offers a clear view of all sections – and in May they're in full flow, so you'll be able to hear the famous roar before you see them. June to September is peak season, when the water levels have dropped and reduced spray makes for better photo opportunities, but by October it's hot and humid and the waters can reduce to a trickle – at this time of year, the falls on the Zambian side are almost dry. December to April is the wet season, when a wall of water thunders down the cliffside.

[kuoni.co.uk/victoriafalls](https://kuoni.co.uk/victoriafalls)







## WHERE TO STAY

These are just a few of our favourite heritage hotels and riverside lodges in and around Victoria Falls

VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL,  
ZIMBABWE

**BEST FOR: COLONIAL  
SOPHISTICATION**

Zimbabwe's grandest heritage hotel combines old-world glamour with sensational views of Victoria Falls Bridge. Even if you don't stay here, go for high tea or sundowners on the terrace.

THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE  
VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBIA  
HOTEL BY ANANTARA

**BEST FOR: HIGH-END LUXURY**  
With Victoria Falls on its doorstep, this hotel promises five-star luxury directly on the banks of the Zambezi River.

ILALA LODGE, ZIMBABWE

**BEST FOR: QUICK ACCESS TO  
THE FALLS**

This family-run favourite offers fantastic value and an easy walk to Victoria Falls.

VICTORIA FALLS RIVER LODGE,  
ZIMBABWE

**BEST FOR: RIVERSIDE  
LUXURY**

At this African-chic game lodge, all tents have private plunge pools overlooking the Zambezi.

GORGES LODGE, ZIMBABWE

**BEST FOR: BATOKA GORGE  
VIEWS**

Above the dramatic red rocks of Batoka Gorge, this intimate lodge has an outstanding natural location.

See our full range of Victoria Falls accommodation at:

[kuoni.co.uk/victoriafalls/hotels](https://kuoni.co.uk/victoriafalls/hotels)

## OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO

Our must-do experiences in and around Victoria Falls

CRUISE THE MIGHTY  
**ZAMBEZI RIVER AT SUNSET**

Dusk is one of the best times to spot wildlife on the riverbanks, so a sunset cruise on the Zambezi is something special. Head to the deck with a cocktail in hand and soak up the wonderfully rugged charm of the surrounding wilderness, keeping your eyes peeled for crocodiles, hippo and elephants.

TAKE A HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER  
**VICTORIA FALLS**

We love a good bucket-list moment. As such an immense landmark, there's no better way to appreciate the sheer enormity of Victoria Falls than from a helicopter's bird's-eye view.

**HAVE DINNER ON BOARD THE ROYAL  
LIVINGSTONE EXPRESS**

Enjoy a five-course dinner in style on board this vintage luxury steam train. Whisking you away to the elegance of a bygone era, look out for herds of wild elephant and antelope as you travel this classic journey from Livingstone, crossing the famous Victoria Falls Bridge just as the sun is setting.

GO FOR A **DARING DIP**  
IN THE DEVIL'S POOL

A trip to the Devil's Pool at Livingstone Island is a must if you're visiting the falls from the Zambian side. From August to January, if the water levels are low enough, they can form the ultimate natural infinity pool. If you're after a little adventure, hop in for a dip while overlooking the 100-metre drop below.

## HOW TO SEE VICTORIA FALLS

These suggested itineraries all feature visits to Victoria Falls and can be tailored to include the accommodation and experiences of your choice:

Best of Botswana & Victoria Falls p102  
Unsurpassed Zimbabwe p104



# ZIMBABWE— AFRICA RE-EMERGING

Zimbabwe is more than just its world-famous waterfalls; embrace the adventure and discover the wild Africa of old.

**After years of political instability, Zimbabwe is slowly emerging afresh and regaining its status as one of Africa's safari greats. It's a country of spectacular highlights: a bucket-list waterfall, an outstanding man-made lake and a giant national park that's home to one of the largest elephant populations in the world. While Zim isn't quite back to its glory days (it's important to come here with an adventurous spirit and understanding nature), its world-class expert local guides will make sure you have the most incredible safari experiences.**

## CLASSIC BIG FIVE SAFARI

Just a few hours south of Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park is huge – almost half the size of Belgium. Beyond its savannah landscapes and wild palm-fringed plains, this Big Five heavyweight has a biodiversity so incredible it's matched only by the wildlife of the Serengeti and Kruger National Park. This is classic safari territory; lions, leopards, buffalo and elephants are all regularly spotted.

## AN AFRICAN RIVIERA

When the Kariba Gorge was dammed in the 1950s, the world's largest man-made lake

was formed. Today the home of five-star safari lodges and houseboats, Lake Kariba is an undiscovered African Riviera on Zimbabwe's northern border. Remote and incredibly vast, it's a wonderful natural playground. Here, skies explode with some of the best sunsets you'll ever see in Africa, and thanks to its fertile game-rich shores, there's always an opportunity to go tiger fishing, head out for a scenic lake cruise or a spot of game viewing in nearby Matusadona National Park.

## WILD WALKING

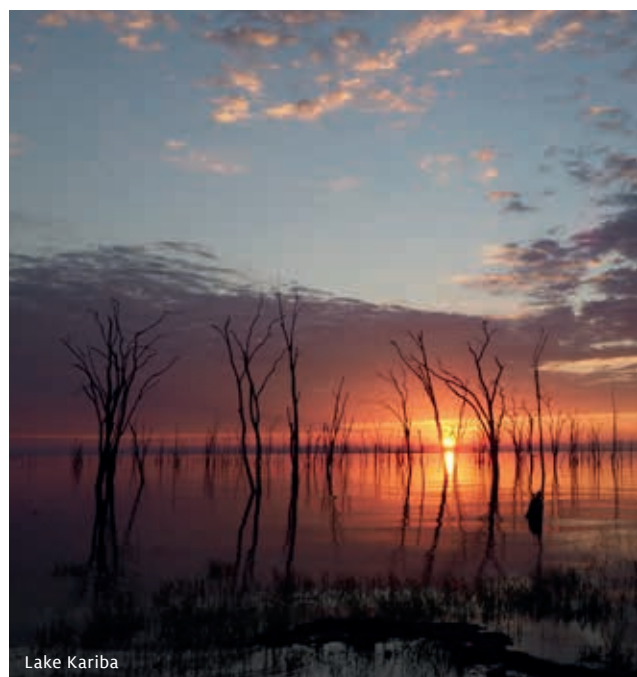
UNESCO-listed Mana Pools National Park lies secluded on the banks of the lower Zambezi River. Open from April to December, it's wild, remote, achingly photogenic – and one of the last wild-walking national parks in the world. Wildlife encounters here are exceptional and the intriguing dramatic landscapes are some of the best in Zimbabwe. You'll have a good chance of spotting hippos and the endangered African wild dog, and there's always the prospect of meeting the park celebrity, Boswell – a huge bipedal elephant who has become world-famous thanks to his extraordinary treetop-reaching back legs.

## DISCOVER ZIMBABWE ON OUR:

Unsurpassed Zimbabwe itinerary p104



Mana Pools National Park



Lake Kariba





#### OUR RECOMMENDED ZIMBABWE CAMPS AND LODGES



**NYAMATUSI CAMP, MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK**  
This seasonal bush camp radiates with safari sophistication – each of the 6 suites include a private plunge pool overlooking views of the Zambezi River.

[kuoni.co.uk/nyamatusi](http://kuoni.co.uk/nyamatusi)



**BUMI HILLS, LAKE KARIBA**  
High on a hill looking down to Lake Kariba, this stylish safari lodge basks in lakeside perfection with its glorious sunrises and undisturbed lake views.

[kuoni.co.uk/bumihills](http://kuoni.co.uk/bumihills)



**SOMALISA CAMP, HWANGE NATIONAL PARK**  
Elephants amble within feet of this eco-chic safari camp, an intimate 7-tent lodge set right in the heart of Hwange National Park.

[kuoni.co.uk/somalisacamp](http://kuoni.co.uk/somalisacamp)



# NAMIBIA: AFRICA'S COUNTRY OF CONTRASTS

Ruggedly beautiful and a photographer's dream, Namibia is a vast and empty land of colourful contrasts.

**Namibia is defined by its wild landscapes – there's scenic grandeur here on an epic scale. Much less visited than its neighbours, it's vast, untamed and oh-so quiet. By day, blazing desert dunes pop out from clear blue skies, and at night the sky comes alive with some of the brightest stars you'll ever see.**

## DRAMATIC LANDSCAPES

From the world's oldest desert and its mile-high sand dunes to skeleton coastlines, petrified ghost forests and chalky-white salt pans, it's hard to think of a landscape that Namibia doesn't have. It's quite extraordinary; home to three of Africa's largest national parks and the largest population of free-roaming black rhino in the world.

## WILDLIFE WATCHING

The home of endemic black-faced impalas and the endangered black rhino, Etosha National Park is Namibia's wildlife-viewing wonder. Dominated by a salt pan so large it can be seen from space, it's one of the oldest conservation sites in Africa and home to four of the Big Five (there are no buffalo). June to November is the best time to see wildlife, when the dry weather draws animals to the waterholes.

## THE SAND SEA OF SOSSUSVLEI, NAMIB DESERT

There are few sights more stirring than the blazing orange sand dunes of Sossusvlei – a sweeping sand sea, sculpted into towering peaks by the winds. Come here at sunrise to see the dunes at their most epic; visit Dune 45, the most photographed dune in the world, and see if you can scale Big Daddy – the biggest dune in the area at 280m high. From Big Daddy you'll look over views of Deadvlei; a salty-white moonscape-like pan where eerily blackened trees stand in stark contrast to the vibrant orange dunes behind. This area is also a Dark Sky Reserve, so the stargazing is staggering.

## UNESCO ROCK ENGRAVINGS

In the midst of the Brandberg, Namibia's towering 'fire mountain', Damaraland is a dry and rocky scrubland where sandstone mountains rise from the desert plains. It's also a surprisingly underrated wildlife region, home to desert-adapted elephants and gemsbok. In the Huab Valley you'll find Twyfelfontein, Namibia's first UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the finest collections of ancient rock art in southern Africa.

## EXPERIENCE NAMIBIA ON OUR:

Wonders of Namibia self-drive p106



Gemsbok in Sossusvlei





OUR FAVOURITE PLACES TO STAY IN NAMIBIA



**KULALA DESERT LODGE**  
Close to the iconic Sossusvlei Dunes, this intimate desert lodge sits secluded within the 67,000 private acres of the Kulala Wilderness Reserve.

[kuoni.co.uk/kulalalodge](https://kuoni.co.uk/kulalalodge)



**MOWANI MOUNTAIN CAMP, DAMARALAND**  
It's all about the traditional African style and location here. The camp's unique rondavel buildings blend seamlessly with the surrounding desert scenery.

[kuoni.co.uk/mowanicamp](https://kuoni.co.uk/mowanicamp)



**MOKUTI ETOSHA LODGE**  
Complementing its beautiful natural setting with luxurious comfort, this stylish lodge is an indulgent gateway to the wildlife wonders of Etosha National Park.

[kuoni.co.uk/mokutilodge](https://kuoni.co.uk/mokutilodge)



# MOZAMBIQUE: AFRICA'S SECRET BEACH ESCAPE

Bring your sense of adventure for a low-key and off-the-beaten-track beach holiday in Mozambique.

**Rustic beaches and off-the-tourist-trail adventures beckon in Mozambique, where palm-fringed sands, national parks, seafaring traditions and a rich mix of cultures combine to create one of Africa's most interesting countries.**

## WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE?

The away-from-it-all beaches and unspoilt sands have been a well-kept secret for far too long. While the capital, Maputo, offers a great introduction, it's the vast sweep of largely untouched coastline and the laid-back beach culture that provides the something special here. A trip to Mozambique will be a remote (and expensive – the exclusivity comes at a price) experience with a strong sense of local culture and identity.

## WHERE SHOULD YOU GO?

Maputo is the attractive south-coast capital, a cosmopolitan port city where classic Mediterranean-style buildings sit alongside colonial hotels and exotic spice markets. Along the coastline, wonderfully rustic lodges dazzle alongside the gorgeous white sands and marine-rich waters. East of the capital, there's the

Machangulo Peninsula with its sand dune forests and all-but-deserted golden beaches. Towards the north, you'll find the Bazaruto Archipelago – an idyllic and remote cluster of tropical islands and sandbar swirls, with uniquely African-style luxury beach retreats.

## WHAT IS THERE TO DO?

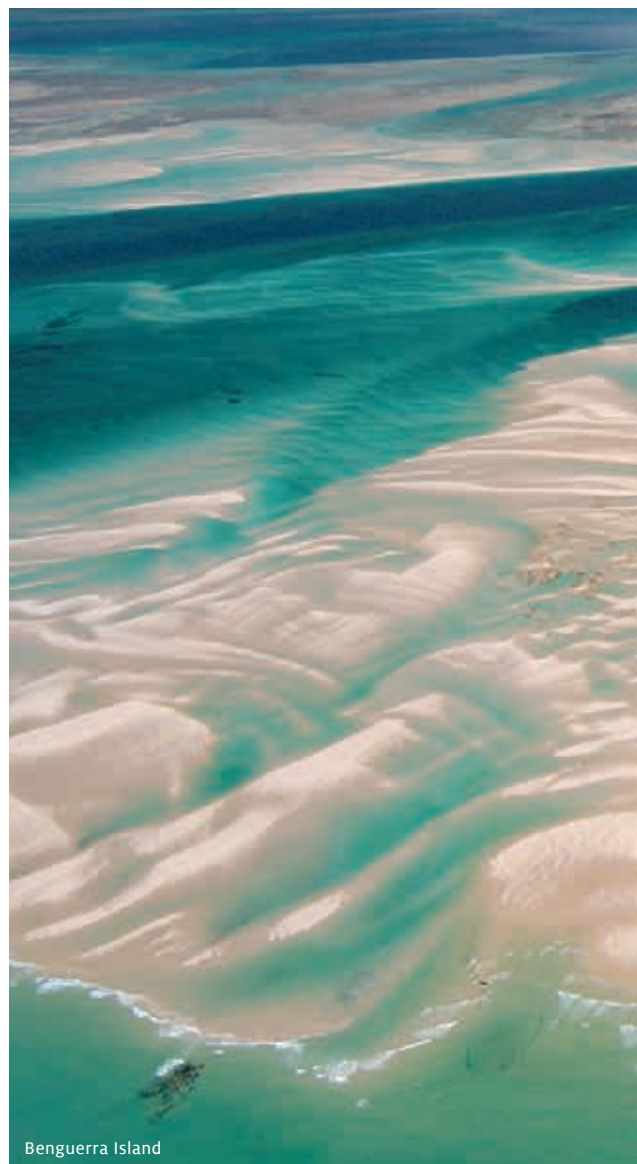
The glistening waters of the Bazaruto Archipelago are home to exceptional marine life, so this is perfect diving territory. Dip below the waves and find yourself swimming alongside turtles, manta rays and even the rare dugong. Further out, humpback whales can be spotted from mid-June to mid-October, and whale sharks from December to March. On land, the giant sand dunes of Bazaruto Island are made for adventure; whizz down the dunes on a sandboard or take your time to explore on a leisurely horse ride.

## TWIN WITH A LUXE SAFARI

Mozambique is one of our favourite places to twin with a South African safari. A direct flight can whisk you from Kruger National Park (p54) in just over an hour.

## SEE MOZAMBIQUE ON OUR:

Cape Town, Sabi Sands & Mozambique itinerary p92



Benguerra Island



Azura Benguerra Island





#### OUR RECOMMENDED PLACES TO STAY IN MOZAMBIQUE



##### MACHANGULO BEACH LODGE

This rustic hideaway takes you back to nature, with just 9 ocean-view villas secluded on the soft golden sands of the Machangulo Peninsula.

[kuoni.co.uk/machangulo](https://kuoni.co.uk/machangulo)



##### ANANTARA BAZARUTO

Fringing endless sands and dramatic dunes, the only hotel on Bazaruto Island offers stunning sunsets, superb snorkelling and Dining by Design food experiences.

[kuoni.co.uk/anantarabazaruto](https://kuoni.co.uk/anantarabazaruto)



##### AZURA BENGUERRA

Transfer by helicopter to this seriously stylish eco-chic hotel – the ultimate island hideaway in the Bazaruto Archipelago.

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## INSPIRED? WHAT NEXT

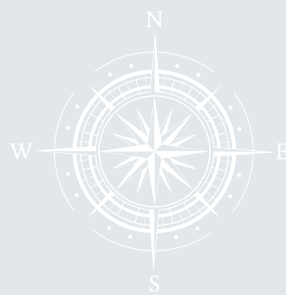
We've inspired you to experience the wonders of Africa – so what's next? The following pages showcase a handpicked selection of our suggested itineraries with recommended hotels and sightseeing included. They're a starting point: take them as they are or go to town shaping your own adventure.

### Where to start

Whether you've never set foot in Africa and you're not sure where to head first or you're a seasoned visitor looking for your next great adventure, the features on pages 6 to 66 are there to inspire you. Once you've got something in mind and want to narrow down your ideas, take a look at the following suggested itineraries and check out the 'why you'll love it' section. We've also highlighted the best time to visit each destination – a helpful tool if you can only travel at a particular time of the year.

### Make it your own

The duration, accommodation and unique experiences we've picked are based on our own experience as well as feedback from our customers – but these aren't set in stone. Together, we can talk through where you want to go and find hotels that suit your taste, add on extra destinations or extend your time anywhere you want to explore in more depth. Each itinerary suggests ways you can change it; if you don't see the holiday you have in mind, we can help you create it.



### MAASAI MARA (P70)

What safari dreams are made of: wide open plains where big cats and the Big Five roam



### VICTORIA FALLS (P104)

A natural wonder of the world, located on the Zambezi River between Zambia and Zimbabwe

## THE JOURNEY IS PART OF THE ADVENTURE



### ROAD SAFARI

An overland safari is an excellent way to discover Kenya and northern Tanzania. Our overland safaris are in comfortable 4x4s. Journeys can be quite long, but it's a better value way to get around (4x4s seat up to 6 so it's especially great for families and groups of friends) and you'll get to see much more of a country.



### FLY-IN SAFARI

Travel in style in a light aircraft. You'll get a bird's-eye view of the landscapes below, and faster travelling times leave more time for wildlife viewing. In places like southern Tanzania where it's too remote to travel to by road, or Botswana where much of the region is surrounded by water, it's the best way to get around.



### SELF-DRIVE

Car rental allows for a flexible and independent holiday. South Africa raises the bar in self-drives, with an excellent road infrastructure and left-hand-side driving, and distances between scenic spots are often just an hour or two apart. For a road trip off the tourist trail, we also recommend self-drives in Namibia.

### A NOTE ON PRICE

Call us for up-to-date prices. The cost of your holiday depends on the time of year that you travel – in Africa it's often best to go outside of peak times as the experiences can be just as good, crowds are smaller and prices are lower. It also depends on how long you go for and your preferred airline, hotels and experiences, as well as any special offers that might be available. Flights to Africa often have affordable upgrade prices. Whatever you choose, you'll have round-the-clock support from us in the UK as well as our trusted agents locally.



## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

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### GORILLAS (P88)

Come face-to-face with endangered mountain gorillas in wild mountain rainforests



### CAPE TOWN (P90)

Africa's most beautiful city has a buzzing waterfront, golden beaches and an iconic mountain



### OKAVANGO DELTA (P102)

A beautiful maze of islands and winding waterways, best explored by mokoro





# GOVERNORS' SAFARI

It's all about big cats and the Big Five on this classic six-night safari. Travel to a colonial farmhouse where you can explore two of the Great Rift Valley lakes. Then fly over the rolling plains to a tented camp in a special corner of the Maasai Mara that was once reserved for Kenya's colonial governors.



Maasai Mara

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 6 NIGHTS FROM NAIROBI

**DAY 1: NAIROBI** Arrive in Nairobi for a relaxing night before your safari.

**DAY 2: LAKE NAIVASHA** Start your adventure with a 4x4 journey to Lake Naivasha in the Great Rift Valley. Explore the lakes and mountains around this private 6500-acre farm and see rhino at nearby Lake Nakuru. Stay 2 nights at Loldia House.

**DAY 4: MAASAI MARA** Fly by light aircraft to the rolling plains of the Maasai Mara. Head out on game drives to spot big cats with expert guides who know the local lions by name. Stay 3 nights at Governors' Camp.

**DAY 7: NAIROBI** Fly back to Nairobi.

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- Spot big cats in the Maasai Mara (read more on p16)
- See rhino on the shores of Lake Nakuru (a day trip is included)
- Sleep in a classic safari tent and drift off to the sounds of the wild
- Stay at a colonial-style farmhouse that has a real family feel
- See some of the country by road and get a bird's-eye view as you fly over diverse landscapes

## WHEN TO GO

- There's great wildlife watching all year
- The Great Wildebeest Migration is usually July to October (read more on p22)
- July and August are the most popular and most expensive
- Rainy seasons are April to May and November to December – a good time to see new-born animals and get the best value



## MAKE IT YOUR OWN

We've crafted this itinerary based on our own experiences and our customers' feedback. This safari has been a favourite with our guests for many years, but it's fully flexible so talk to us and we can create your perfect trip.

### WHERE TO STAY

We've recommended Governors' Camp and Loldia House because they're intimate and in the best wildlife-viewing spots, and so you can experience a colonial house and a tented camp. For a splash more luxury in the same wildlife-rich setting, upgrade to Little Governors' or Il Moran.

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Talk to us about arranging extra special experiences. On this itinerary you could take a hot-air balloon ride over the Maasai Mara plains, enjoy a romantic dinner out in the wild, do a walking safari, or visit the local Maasai community of Mara Rianda.

### HOW LONG

We think that 2 nights in Naivasha and 3 nights in the Maasai Mara is the shortest time you'll want to spend on safari. If you can stay longer, we've got plenty of suggestions for how you can extend your trip, like adding an extra night at Loldia House to slow the pace and give you time for more excursions.

### ANOTHER STOP

We recommend finishing your African adventure with a beach stay on the white sands of Zanzibar – it's just a short flight from Nairobi. You could also head to Mfangano Island on the peaceful shores of Lake Victoria – an island with no vehicles and where transport is by canoe.

See more of our Kenya safaris: [kuoni.co.uk/kenya/safaris](http://kuoni.co.uk/kenya/safaris)



### WILD RHINO

Take a day trip to Lake Nakuru National Park where there are black and white rhino



### NIGHT GAME DRIVES

Loldia House is on a private farm so you can head out after dark to spot leopards hunting



### TENTED CAMP

Governors' Camp is unfenced – elephants often wander through the restaurant at lunchtime



### HOT-AIR BALLOON FLIGHT

Add on a balloon safari to soar above the Mara's rolling plains and roaming herds at sunrise



### A NOTE ON PRICE

Peak costs are July to September because of the migration. January to April is cheaper and still has great game viewing. Your stay includes full board, game drives and laundry, and you can upgrade camps for a little extra.



# SAMBURU AND MARA FAMILY SAFARI

With stays in fantastic kid-friendly camps, this short safari has been created for families. Visit two of Kenya's breathtaking national parks – Samburu and the Maasai Mara – and make memories together on game drives. We can also make this a more grown-up experience with upgrades to luxury lodges.



## SUGGESTED ROUTE 7 NIGHTS FROM NAIROBI

**DAY 1: NAIROBI** Spend 2 nights in Kenya's capital.

**DAY 3: SAMBURU** Fly to Samburu which sits right at the heart of the country, and enjoy game drives through the open-plain landscapes. Keep an eye out for the 'special five' – a group of animals that are rarely seen away from this arid park. Stay 2 nights at Samburu Intrepids.

**DAY 5: MAASAI MARA** Return south by light aircraft and explore Kenya's poster-child park, the Maasai Mara, searching for the region's big cats on game drives. Stay 3 nights at Mara Intrepids.

**DAY 8: NAIROBI** Fly back to Nairobi.

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- Seek out the 'special five' in Samburu National Park
- Stay at Intrepids camps, which have tented suites made up of two connected tents, and an Adventurer's Club for kids
- Spot the famous big cats of the Maasai Mara
- A fly-in safari is scenic and adventurous, with bird's-eye views and reduced travelling times
- The joy of seeing your children learn about and appreciate wildlife and nature (recommended for age 7 and over)

## WHEN TO GO

- The dry months of June to October and December to March are the best for spotting wildlife, especially towards the end of the period when wildlife crowds round remaining water sources
- There are usually two rainy seasons – April to May and October to December – when low season deals may be available (it's best to avoid the peak rains in April, May and November)



**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

**We've crafted this itinerary based on our own experiences and our customers' feedback. It's fully flexible, so talk to us and we can create your perfect trip. If you don't have kids, we can also recommend some great grown-up places to stay.**

**WHERE TO STAY**

To create the perfect family-friendly holiday, we've hand-picked Intrepids camps in Samburu and the Mara. Their spacious tented suites are 2 tents joined together that also have a living area. For an extra touch of class and proximity to wildlife in Samburu, choose Elephant Bedroom Camp.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Let us know if you'd like to add on some special experiences such as a hot-air balloon flight over the plains of the Maasai Mara as the sun rises. At the Intrepid camps there are special activities designed for younger guests, hosted by Samburu naturalists.

**HOW LONG**

Following 2 nights in Nairobi, we've included 2 nights in Samburu and 3 nights in the Maasai Mara. This will be the shortest amount of time you'll want to spend in each park. It's easy to extend your stay in the Maasai Mara and spend some more time seeking out its famous big cats.

**ANOTHER STOP**

If you'd like to add another place, let us know. We recommend visiting Meru, just south of Samburu, to follow in the footsteps of Joy and George Adamson and Elsa the lion. It's also possible to fly from the Mara to Mombasa or Zanzibar, perfect if you're after some beach time.

See more of our Kenya safaris: [kuoni.co.uk/kenya/safaris](http://kuoni.co.uk/kenya/safaris)



**SAMBURU'S SPECIAL FIVE**

The long-necked gerenuk and reticulated giraffe are two of Samburu's 'special five' species



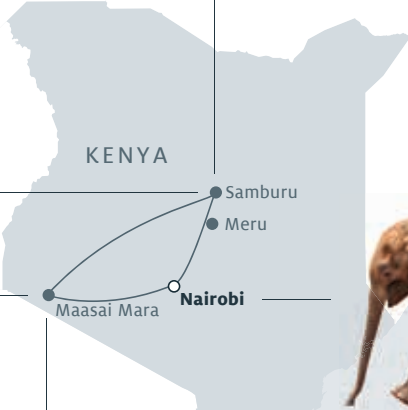
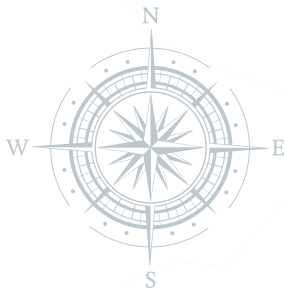
**INTREPID CAMPS**

With stunning settings and a focus on families, these tented camps are great places to stay



**THE MARA'S BIG CATS**

The acacia-dotted plains of the Maasai Mara are prime lion-spotting territory



**ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE**

Add a visit to Nairobi's Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage to watch the baby ellies play in the mud

ZANZIBAR

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

This is one of our most affordable safari options but you should expect prices to rise during the Great Wildebeest Migration (p22). Travel in half-term holidays for the best family value.



# AMBOSELI, TSAVO & BEACH

City, safari and coast are all covered on this 10-night itinerary. You'll travel from Nairobi to Mombasa and spend a few nights in the beautiful national parks of Amboseli and Tsavo on the way. Head out on game drives in both parks, keeping an eye out for the Big Five and varied birdlife.



Mount Kilimanjaro from Amboseli

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 10 NIGHTS FROM NAIROBI

**DAY 1: NAIROBI** Spend a night in the capital before starting your adventure. Stay at Fairmont The Norfolk.

**DAY 2: AMBOSELI** Go on 4x4 safaris in Amboseli, a national park known for its huge elephant herds. Stay 2 nights at Tawi Lodge.

**DAY 4: TSAVO** See the natural wonders and seek out the varied wildlife of vast Tsavo National Park. Stay 2 nights at Finch Hattons.

**DAY 6: MOMBASA** Spend the rest of your time relaxing at a beach hotel in Mombasa. Stay 5 nights at AfroChic.

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS ITINERARY

- Travel in your own private safari vehicle (seating up to six) from Nairobi to the beach via two of Kenya's most picturesque parks
- See diverse landscapes without travelling a huge distance
- Go on safari in the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro in Amboseli
- Watch Amboseli's elephants taking a dip in the snowmelt-fed swamps
- Visit Mzima Springs in Tsavo, a natural pool that's home to crocodile and hippo
- Get some well-earned R&R on the beach in Mombasa

## WHEN TO GO

- July to October is warm and dry, and is the best season for comfortable game viewing
- The hot and humid rainy season lasts from March to May, while the shorter rains fall during November and December
- For birdwatchers, the best months to see migratory birds are from October to January



## MAKE IT YOUR OWN

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### WHERE TO STAY

To create an exclusive experience, we've included stays at Tawi Lodge, a thatched lodge in the Amboseli-adjacent Kilitome Conservancy, and Finch Hattons, a luxury tented camp in Tsavo. For a good-value holiday, opt for the cool and comfortable Serena hotels inside the national parks.

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

We've based this trip on road transfers between each destination but it's also possible to travel by train. The Madaraka Express is a modern train that connects the capital and the coast, stopping on the way at stations with easy access to both national parks.

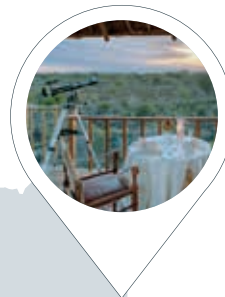
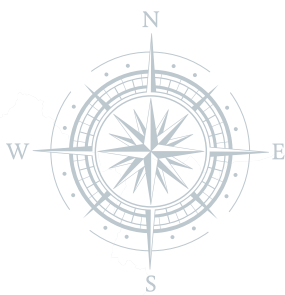
### HOW LONG

The safari part of this itinerary is relatively short and perfectly links Nairobi and the Kenyan coast. We've included 2 nights in Amboseli and Tsavo which gives you a full day in each to go out on morning and evening game drives. It's easy to add a night in either park or extend your beach break.

### ANOTHER STOP

There are plenty of places that you can add to this trip to create a more in-depth safari. Before or after your visit to Amboseli and Tsavo, you can add on a few nights in the Maasai Mara. You can also extend your stay in Mombasa for more time on the beach.

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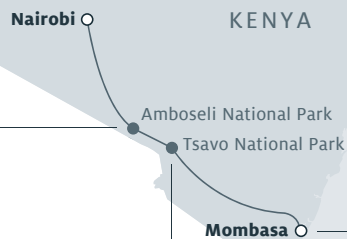
### LUXURY TENTED CAMP

Finch Hattons's observation deck provides a wonderful vantage point to spot wildlife



### AMBOSELI BOMA DINNERS

Dine on traditional Kenyan food under the stars in the boma at Tawi Lodge



### KENYA'S COAST

Soak up the Indian Ocean views from your beachfront resort in Mombasa



### RUST-RED LANDSCAPES IN TSAVO

Between game drives, visit Tsavo's Mzima Springs and Shetani lava flow

### A NOTE ON PRICE

The cost of this holiday is consistent throughout the year, making it a good-value option during the summer and early autumn when the prices for visits to the Maasai Mara increase.



# PORINI WILDERNESS SAFARI

This is the ultimate itinerary for an authentic, adventurous and responsible safari. With Porini, it's all about wildlife conservation and sustainable tourism – they use local guides and lease Maasai land for their small eco camps. Sleep in canvas tents and enjoy exceptional wildlife viewing without the crowds.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 7 NIGHTS FROM NAIROBI

**DAY 1: NAIROBI** Go straight from arrivals to wide open plains in under an hour with a stay inside Nairobi National Park. Stay at Nairobi Tented Camp.

**DAY 2: SELENKAY CONSERVANCY (AMBOSeli)** Fly on a light aircraft to Amboseli. Spot huge herds of elephant, go on guided walks

with Maasai warriors, visit a local village and soak up sunset views over Mount Kilimanjaro. Head off the beaten track and stay in the wilderness of the Selenkay Conservancy. Stay 2 nights at Porini Amboseli Camp.

**DAY 4: OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY (MOUNT KENYA)** Fly to Nanyuki to visit East Africa's largest black

rhino sanctuary that's also home to the last two northern white rhino on Earth. The conservancy employs rhino protection squads to work to conserve these incredible species. Visit a chimpanzee sanctuary, go on game drives and stay in a hidden valley. Stay 2 nights at Porini Rhino Camp.

**DAY 6: OLARE MOTOROGI CONSERVANCY (MAASAI MARA)** Fly to a conservancy that borders the famous Maasai Mara. Highlights include scenic sundowners, guided walks and unforgettable game drives seeking out big cats. Stay 2 nights at Porini Lion Camp.

**DAY 8: NAIROBI** Fly back to Nairobi.



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- Get straight out on safari in Nairobi National Park
- Sleep under canvas in authentic safari tents – even in Nairobi
- Be guided by some of the most knowledgeable guides in the world
- Support wildlife conservation and local communities
- Mix it up with activities like guided bush walks and night drives

## WHEN TO GO

- There's great wildlife watching all year
- The Great Wildebeest Migration is usually July to October (read more on p22-23)
- July and August are the most popular and most expensive
- Rainy seasons are April to May and November to December – a good time to see new-born animals and get the best value



## MAKE IT YOUR OWN

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### WHERE TO STAY

Staying in conservancies just outside of the national parks offers a quieter safari experience. Porini's remote, comfortable tented camps are designed to have minimum environmental impact with no permanent structures and each has just 7 to 10 spacious tents.

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Talk to us about arranging extra special experiences. On this itinerary, because you're staying in conservancies it means you can do activities that aren't allowed inside national parks, like thrilling night game drives and guided walks with Maasai warriors.

### HOW LONG

We've suggested 2 nights in each area so that it fits into a week's holiday. You could stay an extra night in each place so that you have plenty of time to explore the conservancies and national parks. Extra nights will also give you time to just sit in camp with your binoculars, spotting the wildlife that wanders by.

### ANOTHER STOP

There are lots of other great places you can include in this itinerary so if you want to stop somewhere else, just let us know. We recommend finishing your African adventure with a beach stay on the Mombasa coast.

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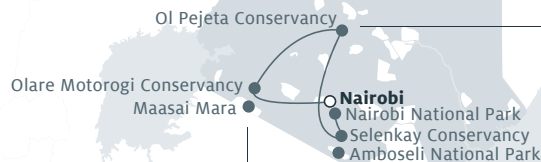
### NIGHT GAME DRIVES

Head out after dark to try and see nocturnal animals like aardvarks, bat-eared foxes and serval cats



### RHINO & CHIMP SANCTUARIES

Take a trip to the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa and visit a sanctuary for rescued chimps



### PORINI CAMPS

Sleep under canvas at small eco-friendly camps with rustic charm



### CULTURAL VILLAGE

Visit the home of many of the camp's staff and learn about the traditions of Maasai culture

### A NOTE ON PRICE

Peak costs are July to September; January to April is cheaper and still has great wildlife viewing. Porini lease land for their camps and the conservancy entry fees go to the local Maasai community.



# COMPLETE KENYA

This comprehensive and leisurely paced 11-night road safari will take you around the country's breathtakingly diverse landscapes. Explore vast national parks and sprawling lakes, and get up close to enchanting and lesser-spotted animals. It's great if you want to experience more of Kenya.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 11 NIGHTS FROM NAIROBI

**DAY 1: NAIROBI** Arrive in Nairobi. Optional experiences today include visits to the Karen Blixen Museum, the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and the Giraffe Centre. Stay at the Nairobi Serena.

**DAY 2: ABERDARES** Spot elephants, lions, black and white colobus monkeys and the lesser-seen bongo in Aberdare National Park. Stay at Serena Mountain Lodge.

**DAY 3: SAMBURU** Discover the 'special five', rarely found outside Samburu: the long-necked gerenuk, Somali ostrich, Grevy's zebra, beisa oryx and reticulated giraffe. Stay 2 nights at Samburu Intrepids.

**DAY 5: OL PEJETA** The Ol Pejeta Conservancy is famous for its rhinos and spectacular views over Mount Kenya. Stay 2 nights at Serena Sweetwaters.

**DAY 7: LAKE ELMENTEITA** Visit the Soysambu Conservancy on the west of this sapphire-blue soda lake – it protects over 450 bird species and is East Africa's only nesting site for the great white pelican. Stay 2 nights at Lake Elmenteita Serena.

**DAY 9: MAASAI MARA** See leopard, cheetah, impala and topi wandering freely through the most famous national reserve in Africa. Visit a local

Maasai community; and from July to October, watch countless wildebeest reach the Mara after an 1800-mile journey from the Serengeti. Stay 3 nights at the Mara Serena Safari Lodge.

**DAY 12: NAIROBI** Head back to Nairobi.



Serengeti

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- Travel in your own private safari vehicle (seating up to six) at your own pace and let your guide know which animals you'd like to see
- Discover more of the country by road
- Look out for the Big Five in the Maasai Mara
- See the lesser-spotted 'special five' in Samburu
- Spot rhinos at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy
- Stay in a safari tent with sweeping views

## WHEN TO GO

- You can take this trip year-round
- Travel between July and October to see the Great Wildebeest Migration (read more on p22)
- July and August are the most popular months
- The rainy seasons are from April to May and November to December – this is a good time to see new-born animals and get great offers



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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've included great quality Serena properties – Mara Serena Safari Lodge sits high on a central hill with great views of the reserve (particularly for migration watching from July to October). Enjoy guided morning bush walks and sleep in stylish raised tents with thatched roofs at Samburu Intrepids.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Talk to us about adding on unforgettable experiences. You could visit an elephant orphanage, take a trip to a Giraffe Centre that's home to endangered Rothschild's giraffe, or fly over the Maasai Mara at dawn on a hot-air balloon safari.

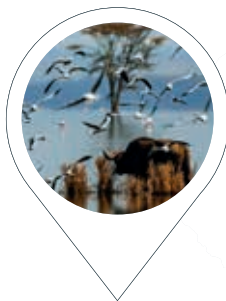
**HOW LONG**

We've included 2 nights in most places and 3 nights in the Maasai Mara to maximise your wildlife viewing time. This is a longer, slower-paced and road-based safari for those who want to soak up all that Kenya has to offer, but you can choose to fly or cut out stops if you're short on time.

**ANOTHER STOP**

Combine Complete Kenya with our Amboseli, Tsavo & Beach itinerary (p74) for an epic 21-night trip that takes in 7 national parks and reserves and ends with a relaxing beach stay in Mombasa.

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**THE LAKES**

See more of Kenya's glorious lakes with day trips to Nakuru and Naivasha

**SAMBURU CULTURE**

Visit a Samburu community to meet the local people and learn about their fascinating culture

**HOT-AIR BALLOON SAFARI**

Drift over the plains at sunrise with game roaming below, before landing for a Champagne breakfast

Maasai Mara

Lake Elmenteita

Ol Pejeta

Aberdares

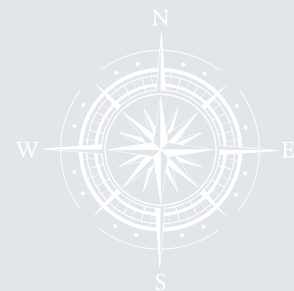
Mount Kenya National Park

Nairobi

Mombasa

**COCKTAILS WITH A VIEW**

Watch local wildlife gather by the waterhole while sipping sundowners at Serena Mountain Lodge

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

The longer duration means higher prices than some of our other itineraries, but it's still good value per day. Road safaris are more cost-effective than fly-in safaris and most meals and game drives are included.



# ESSENTIAL TANZANIA

A great introduction to Tanzania's must-see highlights – the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. See superb wildlife like big cats and elephants, and stay in scenic lodges close to the action. This short and easy itinerary is ideal for combining with a beach break on the white sands of Zanzibar.



## SUGGESTED ROUTE 5 NIGHTS FROM ARUSHA

**DAY 1: ARUSHA** Start with a relaxing night in Arusha, between the twin peaks of Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro. Stay at Lake Duluti Serena.

**DAY 2: NGORONGORO CRATER** Head down into the 600-metre-deep crater on a 4x4 safari and discover black rhino, flamingo, eland, gazelle and zebra in this wildlife playground. Stay 2 nights at Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge.

**DAY 4: SERENGETI** See lion and cheetah roaming the savannah or lounging in the shade of an acacia tree. Stay 2 nights at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge.

**DAY 6: ARUSHA** Return to Arusha.

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- Travel in your own 4x4 vehicle with a private guide to see more of Tanzania and soak up the African atmosphere
- Head down into the astonishing Ngorongoro Crater
- Explore the wildlife-rich Serengeti
- See anthropological hot spot, Olduvai Gorge

## WHEN TO GO

- Wildlife viewing opportunities are year-round
- The dry (and high) season generally lasts from late June to October
- The annual wildebeest migration can typically be seen in different areas of the Serengeti from November to July
- The short rains are from November to December and the long rains from April to May
- Zanzibar is hot and humid with an average daytime temperature of 30°C, and from June to September there's a welcome sea breeze



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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've included picturesque Serena properties. The stone-clad Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge sits on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater; Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge has charming domed rondavals which blend into the hillside landscape, with panoramic views over the Serengeti plains.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

You can add amazing optional excursions to this itinerary, like a hot-air balloon safari over the Serengeti. Or add a game drive at the scenic Lake Manyara, a favourite of Ernest Hemingway – it's known for its flamingo population, best seen from August to September.

**HOW LONG**

This itinerary is short but gives you 2 nights at the Ngorongoro Crater and in the Serengeti, two of the most iconic destinations in Tanzania. You can easily add another night in the Serengeti to maximise the incredible wildlife and landscapes – just talk to us about staying longer.

**ANOTHER STOP**

There are plenty of other great places you can see on this itinerary, so just say if you want to stop somewhere else. We recommend extending your trip in Zanzibar – it has beautiful white shores and is just a short flight from Arusha.

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**SERENGETI BALLOONING**

Spot grazing zebras or ambling elephants at sunrise, before landing for a Champagne breakfast

Serengeti

Ngorongoro Crater

Arusha

TANZANIA

ZANZIBAR

**NGORONGORO CRATER**

Did you know that there are no giraffe in the crater? Its walls are too steep

**OLDUVAI GORGE**

Visit this anthropological hot spot close to Ngorongoro

**NGORONGORO SUNRISE**

The Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge is the best place to watch the sun rise over the crater, with a cup of tea on your balcony

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

Safari prices vary by season, although not as much as in the Maasai Mara. You can often get good value deals by travelling in spring and autumn.



# TANZANIA MIGRATION

This Northern Circuit safari visits the incredible Ngorongoro Crater, elephant hot spot of Tarangire National Park and wildlife-rich Serengeti. Two Serengeti stops – central plus northern or southern depending on when you travel – lets you follow The Great Wildebeest Migration more closely.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 8 NIGHTS FROM ARUSHA

**DAY 1: ARUSHA** Begin in Tanzania's northern highlands in the town of Arusha and stay at an authentic coffee lodge. Stay at Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge.

**DAY 2: TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK** Tarangire is home to Tanzania's largest population of African elephants. See roaming herds of these gentle giants up close, across a backdrop of

rolling green plains and lofty baobab trees. Stay 2 nights at Lemala Tarangire.

**DAY 4: NGORONGORO CRATER** Head down into a 600-metre-deep volcanic caldera and spot big cats, black rhino and buffalo. Stay at Lemala Ngorongoro.

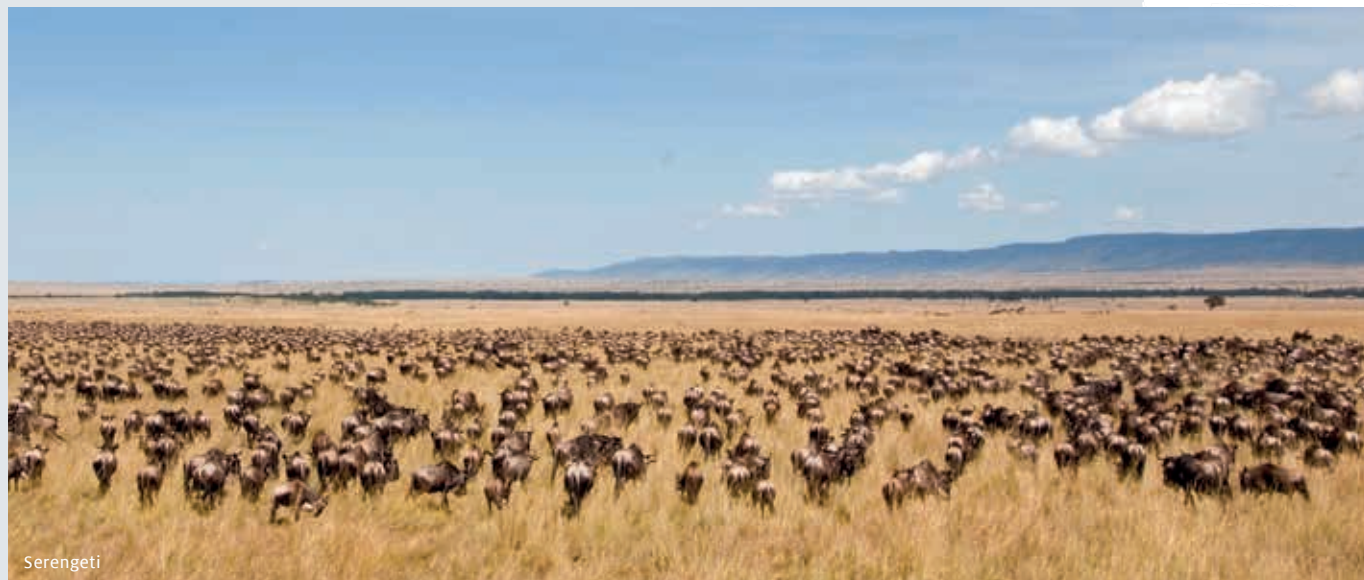
**DAY 5: CENTRAL SERENGETI** Soak up views over meandering river valleys, see hordes of

herbivores, and spot cheetah and lion prowling the savannah. Stay 2 nights at Lemala Ewanjan.

**DAY 7: NORTHERN OR SOUTHERN SERENGETI** Further north from the central Seronera Valley you'll find the less accessible and quieter reaches of the Serengeti, bordering the Maasai Mara – the famous river crossings take place around

here in July and August. Or you can venture south for miles of short-grassed plains dotted with kopjes and acacia trees – see congregating and calving wildebeest here between December and March (February in particular). Stay 2 nights at Lemala Mara (summer) or Lemala Ndutu (winter).

**DAY 8: CENTRAL SERENGETI** Return to Arusha.



Serengeti

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- Follow the migration by staying in two different areas of the vast Serengeti
- Travel by road in your own vehicle, so you can let your driver/guide know which animals you want to see and sightsee at your own pace
- Spot elephants and huge baobab trees in Tarangire National Park
- Head down into the Ngorongoro Crater

## WHEN TO GO

- To follow the wildebeest migration across the Serengeti, visit the north during July and August or the south from December to March
- Visit Tarangire National Park during dry season from June to October when the animals move closer to the river
- There are two rainy seasons from April to May and November to December – this is a good time to see new-born animals and get the best value offers



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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've included superb Lemala tented camps which come with luxurious touches – in the Serengeti you can stay at Lemala Mara near the Mara River in summer, or Lemala Ndutu on the edge of a marsh in winter, to follow the migration herds.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

You can add some really special experiences to this itinerary, like hot-air balloon flights over the Tarangire and Serengeti National Parks for amazing bird's-eye views over the stunning wildlife below. Let us know if there's anything extra you'd like to add.

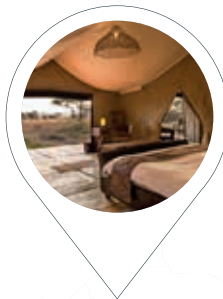
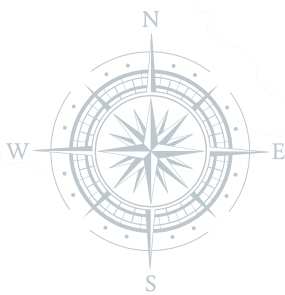
**HOW LONG**

This is a comprehensive and flexible itinerary. For a slower pace, we recommend spending more time at Ngorongoro. To speed things up, drop Tarangire or ask us how you can make the most of the time you have.

**ANOTHER STOP**

You can see more on this itinerary, so just say if you have somewhere in mind. Zanzibar's frosted white sands are only a short flight from Arusha – in the same archipelago you'll find Pemba, an island of honeyed sands, clove plantations and emerald hills.

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**SERENGETI LEMALA CAMPS**

Just 12 en-suite tents ensure an intimate experience in this remote wilderness

Lemala Mara Camp  
Lemala Ewanjan Camp  
Lemala Ndutu Camp  
Serengeti  
Ngorongoro Crater  
Tarangire National Park  
Arusha

**ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE**

Stay at the renowned Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge and join a 'bean to cup' plantation tour

**TARANGIRE ELEPHANTS**

See elephants crowding the waterholes during the dry season (June to October)

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

For the best value, experience the migration at a lower cost when it moves south during the winter. Your stays in the wildlife parks will be on full board.



# BUSH, BEACH & CULTURE

This off-the-beaten-track safari and beach combo is ideal for experienced travellers and a safari without the crowds. Explore the romantic 'Spice Island' of Zanzibar and enchanting Stone Town; cross vast open spaces in the Selous Game Reserve; and enjoy post-safari relaxation on Pemba's stunning white sands.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 10 NIGHTS FROM ZANZIBAR

**DAY 1: ZANZIBAR** Start in UNESCO-listed Stone Town, the cultural heart of Zanzibar with snaking alleyways, ornate doors and Sultans' palaces. Spices were first introduced here in the 16th Century by Portuguese traders – learn more and taste them for yourself by adding a half-day spice tour. Stay 2 nights at Park Hyatt, Stone Town.

**DAY 3: SELOUS** Spend three nights in another UNESCO-listed site that's four times the size of the Serengeti. Head out on bush walks, night game drives and boat trips along the Rufiji River. Spot hippo wallowing in the water plus wildlife including big cats. Stay 3 nights at Serena Mivumo River Lodge.

**DAY 6: PEMBA ISLAND** Fly back to Stone Town and onwards to Pemba Island. It's all about incredible Indian Ocean beaches on Zanzibar's smaller sister island – think reef-protected warm waters and palm-fringed shores. Snorkel around colourful coral and go kayaking and kitesurfing, or spend your days indulging in spa treatments and

sunbathing. Stay 5 nights at Constance Aiyana, Pemba.

We've based this itinerary on a stay in Pemba as it's quieter and less explored, but you can easily go to the main island's beaches instead – we love Nungwi at the northern tip, and Bwejuu on the south-eastern coast.



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS ITINERARY

- Lots of great photo opportunities in Stone Town and on safari
- Explore historic Stone Town
- Get away from the crowds and spot wildlife from hippo to buffalo in the huge Selous
- Chill out on white-sand beaches on the islands of Zanzibar or Pemba

## WHEN TO GO

- Tanzania in January is hot and dry – the hottest months are October to February
- Zanzibar is hot and humid with an average daytime temperature of 30°C, but from June to September there's a welcome sea breeze
- Safari lodges in Selous are closed in the rainy season from April to May

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

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**WHERE TO STAY**

Park Hyatt, Zanzibar is in the heart of Stone Town, right by the key sights. It contains a 17th-Century Mambo Msiige mansion and contemporary Zamani Residence Wing. Serena Mivumo River Lodge sits deep in the Selous Game Reserve overlooking the Rufiji River.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

You can add some great experiences to this itinerary, like a private guided walking tour of Stone Town, a half-day spice tour or a trip to see colobus monkeys.

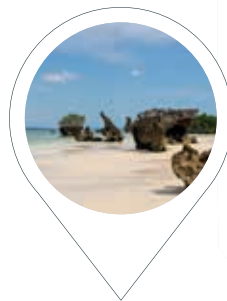
**HOW LONG**

We recommend spending no less than 3 nights in Selous, but you can easily spend another night here to slow things down. The beach stay on this itinerary is based on Pemba but Zanzibar is also a great option – you could add extra nights in either destination.

**ANOTHER STOP**

For a safari away from the crowds, stop at Ruaha National Park in south-central Tanzania, a 1½-hour flight from Selous. It's known for its rugged bush country, rocky outcrops, sandy river tributaries and diverse wildlife including birds, African wild dog and antelope.

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**PEMBA ISLAND**

Unwind on pristine powdery sands lapped by turquoise waters on Zanzibar's quieter sister island



TANZANIA

**STONE TOWN**

Discover weathered buildings, old forts and a former slave market

Stone Town

Pemba Island

ZANZIBAR

Ruaha National Park

Selous Game Reserve

**ZANZIBAR SPICE TOUR**

Explore small rural farms which grow everything from cloves and vanilla to nutmeg and cardamom

**THE SELOUS**

In the vast and wide open Selous, you can go wildlife watching without the crowds on bush walks, night drives and boat trips

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

This itinerary is flexible year-round but based on 5\* hotels in Selous and Pemba. You can lower the price with different accommodation or by choosing Zanzibar rather than Pemba for your beach stay.



# KILIMANJARO CLIMB

Challenge yourself to a trek up Africa's highest mountain. We think that the Rongai Route is the best way to reach the top – it's quieter and stays at mountain camps. See icefields on the crater rim, strike out across moorland towards jagged peaks, cross a lunar desert and watch the sun rise from the summit.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 7 NIGHTS FROM ARUSHA

**DAY 1: MOSHI** Arrive in Arusha and head to a hotel in Moshi for your last night in a proper bed for a few days.

**DAY 2: SIMBA** Today's the day. Most routes approach the climb from the south, but the start point of the Rongai Route is on the north-eastern side of the mountain, which is much quieter. Look out for colobus

monkeys as you trek through pine forest.

**DAY 3: KIKELEWA** Icefield views and open moorland await today.

**DAY 4: MAWENZI TARN** Enter total wilderness for spectacular views of towering spires.

**DAY 5: KIBO** Cross a lunar desert, then rest up as there's

a staggeringly early start tomorrow.

**DAY 6: HOROMBO** Begin by torchlight at around 1am. After tea and biscuits you'll head off into the night towards the summit on the steepest part of the climb. At Gillman's Point (5684 metres) you'll have time to enjoy the most amazing sunrise. If you feel up to it,

make the three-hour round trip to Uhuru Peak (5895 metres) – the highest point in Africa.

**DAY 7: MOSHI** Head back down the mountain for a welcome hot shower, celebratory beers and a night in a bed.

**DAY 8: ARUSHA** Drive back to Arusha.



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS ITINERARY

- You can stand on the highest point in Africa
- You'll feel an amazing sense of achievement
- This route has a quieter start point
- Choose a shared or private climb
- We've arranged an experienced guide to go with you, a porter to carry your backpack, and all meals cooked for you

## WHEN TO GO

- The climb is open year-round and costs don't change much
- Peak climb time is June to October when it's warm and dry
- January to March is colder and you can see snow on the summit
- April and May are wet, but the Rongai route is the driest route so it's still doable
- March and November are the wettest months, so not ideal for trekking

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've included your own tent on the climb, at basic communal campsites with private mess/dining tents. Your first night on the mountain will be at 2600 metres at the edge of moorland, with extensive views over the Kenyan plains. Highest camp will be at 4750 metres at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

The climb is the unique experience on this itinerary. You can opt for your own private mountain guide or – and this is one of the more interesting add-ons we offer across any of our itineraries – book the use of a private toilet, which will be carried up the mountain for you! We'd highly recommend it.

**HOW LONG**

7 nights gives you 5 nights to climb the mountain and a night in a hotel before and after. Walks each day range from 3 to 8 hours, with one day of 15 hours. This route is suitable for experienced walkers – no technical climbing is involved. To slow the pace, you can add another night at Mawenzi Tarn.

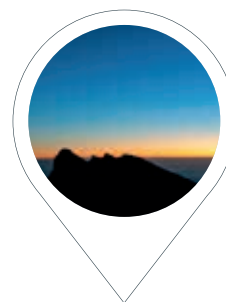
**ANOTHER STOP**

There are lots of great places you can stay after your climb. We recommend some well-deserved relaxation with a beach stay on the island of Zanzibar – it's just a short flight from Arusha. If you're all about the adventure, then it's easy to jet over to the Serengeti for epic wildlife viewing.

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**UHURU PEAK**

If you're feeling strong enough, you can take on the three-hour round trip to the highest point in Africa (5895m)

**SUNRISE AT GILLMAN'S POINT**

At Gillman's Point (5684 metres) you'll have time to enjoy the spectacular sunrise – an unforgettable moment

**MOUNTAIN CAMPS**

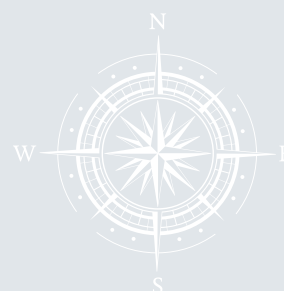
All mountain camps offer something special; highest camp will be at 4750 metres at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall

TANZANIA

Arusha ○ Kibo ○ Mount Kilimanjaro  
○ Moshi

**OTHER ROUTES**

The Marangu Route is a moderate trek with mountain hut accommodation, while the Machame Route is more technically difficult

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

For the climb, costs don't change much throughout the year. Prices will increase with any additional stops you choose. We recommend that you buy travel insurance with medical and evacuation cover.



# MAJESTIC RWANDA

This is the ultimate primate experience. Get up close with mountain gorillas in Africa's oldest national park and hike through rainforest in search of chimpanzees. Spot chimps swinging through the vines, see gorilla families at play, and watch in awe as a huge silverback muscles its way through the forest.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 7 NIGHTS FROM KIGALI

**DAY 1: KIGALI** Arrive in Kigali and relax at your hotel for the night. Stay at the Kigali Serena Hotel.

**DAY 2: NYUNGWE** Drive to Nyungwe National Park, stopping at cultural Butare on the way to see the King's Palace and Ethnographic Museum. Hike into the mountainous

rainforest in search of endangered chimps – you'll hear their pant-hoots echoing through the forest long before you spot them. After your trek, relax in the infinity pool at your luxury hotel and watch toucans and colobus monkeys in the treetops. Stay 2 nights at One&Only Nyungwe House.

**DAY 4: KIBUYE** Drive to the 'beach city' of Kibuye on the shores of Lake Kivu. Stay at Cormoran Lodge.

**DAY 5: VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK** Gorilla trekking is one of the best wildlife experiences you'll ever have. Spend time with two gorilla families on two unforgettable treks into

Volcanoes National Park. Spot young gorillas climbing and playing, mums with tiny wide-eyed babies and huge silverbacks. Stay 2 nights at Gorilla Mountain View Lodge.

**DAY 7: KIGALI** Fly back to Kigali. Stay at the Kigali Serena Hotel.



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS ITINERARY

- See mountain gorillas in their natural habitat (read more on p30)
- Watch chimpanzees swing through the forest
- Trek through ancient rainforests
- Relax on a peaceful lake shore
- It's an exclusive wildlife experience – you'll need to book well in advance

## WHEN TO GO

- The most popular time for gorilla trekking is June to September
- The driest months are generally July to September and December to January
- Rainy season is April to May and October to November
- You can save on gorilla permit prices from November to May if you book the full Majestic Rwanda itinerary

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

**We've crafted this itinerary based on our own experiences and our customers' feedback. It's fully flexible so talk to us and we can create your perfect trip.**

**WHERE TO STAY**

We've recommended a standard hotel for gorilla trekking to help keep costs down. Gorilla Mountain View Lodge is a great base for entering Volcanoes National Park but if you can extend the budget, 5\* Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge is the perfect choice for a once-in-a-lifetime gorilla trek.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

This itinerary is all about incredible wildlife experiences. It's the ultimate primate trip and full of pinch-yourself moments. We've included a hike in Nyungwe Forest to spot chimpanzees, and two treks in Volcanoes National Park to give you two hours with the gorillas.

**HOW LONG**

Majestic Rwanda is a combination of our Volcanoes & Gorillas and Chimps of the Nyungwe Forest itineraries, so if you're short on time you could just do the gorilla part (4 nights) or the chimpanzee part (3 nights).

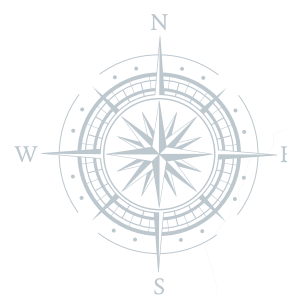
**ANOTHER STOP**

There are lots of other great places you can include in this itinerary so if you want to stop somewhere else, just let us know. For more epic wildlife experiences, add on the Maasai Mara or Serengeti. If you just want to flop on the beach, there's a direct flight from Kigali to Mombasa.

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**CHIMPANZEE TREKKING**

Hike into the Nyungwe National Park to watch chimpanzees swing through the forest

**GORILLA TREKKING**

Spend time with gorillas deep in the mountains of Volcanoes National Park

**LAKESIDE RELAXATION**

Take time out on the shores of Lake Kivu, where there are rocky beaches, peaceful islands and trickling waterfalls

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

This itinerary is flexible, so prices will change with the accommodation and time of year you choose. We've based this itinerary on standard hotels – upgrading to a 5\* hotel in Volcanoes National Park will add a few hundred pounds. Permits are US\$1500pp (see p30) but you can get good savings from November to May if you book the full Majestic Rwanda itinerary.



# SAFARI & THE CITY

Get a feel of South Africa's urban and wild sides on this seven-night itinerary. Soak up culture, natural beauty and brilliant dining in the showstopper city of Cape Town, then go on to the Eastern Cape for a safari with game drives featuring the Big Five.



Cape Town

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 7 NIGHTS FROM CAPE TOWN

**DAY 1: CAPE TOWN** Arrive in Cape Town where you'll be staying at an iconic hotel on the V&A Waterfront. Head up Table Mountain for panoramic views, see penguins on Boulders Beach and visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years. Stay 4 nights at Victoria & Alfred Hotel.

**DAY 5: KARIEGA GAME RESERVE, EASTERN CAPE** Fly to Port Elizabeth and head to your safari stay at Kariega Game Reserve. Go on game drives to look for wildlife including the Big Five and relax back at your lodge for sundowners and dinners under the stars. Stay 3 nights at Kariega Game Reserve.

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS ITINERARY

- It's a great introduction combining Cape Town and Big Five viewing
- Look over Cape Town from the top of Table Mountain
- Visit art galleries and wander down the V&A Waterfront
- Spot African wildlife in the malaria-free Eastern Cape
- Fly direct to Cape Town and Port Elizabeth with minimal travelling

## WHEN TO GO

- Cape Town is great to visit year-round with warm summers (January to February) and generally mild winters (June to August, when Cape Town gets its rain). The shoulder seasons are great for warm weather and are usually less busy
- The Eastern Cape is warm year-round with chillier nights in winter and hotter days in the summer
- If you're adding on more Western Cape stops, July to December is the best time for whale spotting in Hermanus
- December and January are peak travel times as local schools and universities have their summer holiday

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've picked the Victoria & Alfred Hotel because of its prime spot on Cape Town's V&A Waterfront. In the Eastern Cape, take your pick from the lodges at Kariega Game Reserve from picturesque River Lodge to the gorgeous tents with incredible vistas at Settlers Drift.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Your game drives in the Eastern Cape are especially great for families and first-timers; you've got a good chance of seeing the Big Five and the area is malaria-free. Chat with us about special experiences to add on, like a river cruise or a helicopter ride over Cape Town.

**HOW LONG**

4 nights in Cape Town is great for seeing all the main sights, and 3 nights in the Eastern Cape is a good amount of time to try and see as much wildlife as possible. More time in either place is always a good idea and longer stays in the Eastern Cape lodges usually mean better overall value too.

**ANOTHER STOP**

There's a lot in between Cape Town and the Eastern Cape that's worth exploring; the Cape Winelands has wine tasting and great foodie experiences just an hour from Cape Town, and Hermanus is only 90 minutes away for land-based whale watching.

See more of our South Africa suggested itineraries: [kuoni.co.uk/southafrica/suggesteditineraries](https://kuoni.co.uk/southafrica/suggesteditineraries)

**PENGUINS ON THE BEACH**  
Go to see the cute African penguin colony at Boulders Beach on a tour of the Cape Peninsula

**WALK TO FREEDOM**  
Visit the District Six Museum and Robben Island to learn about South Africa's Apartheid era

**SAFARI SUNDOWNER**  
Stop for a refreshing G&T on your game drives in Kariega Game Reserve

**SKY AND SEA**  
Ride the 360° cable car to the top of Table Mountain for views over Cape Town and the Atlantic

**A NOTE ON PRICE**  
This itinerary has the flexibility to suit most budgets with a good range of hotels and lodges. Longer stays in the Eastern Cape usually means better rates, including over the UK summer holidays.



# CAPE TOWN, SABI SANDS & MOZAMBIQUE

This is a honeymoon-worthy blend of cosmopolitan city highlights, epic wildlife and unbelievably dreamy scenes on Mozambique's beaches. Do it in style with game drives in the private Sabi Sands Game Reserve and an ultra-luxurious week in one of Africa's most exclusive beach destinations.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 14 NIGHTS FROM CAPE TOWN

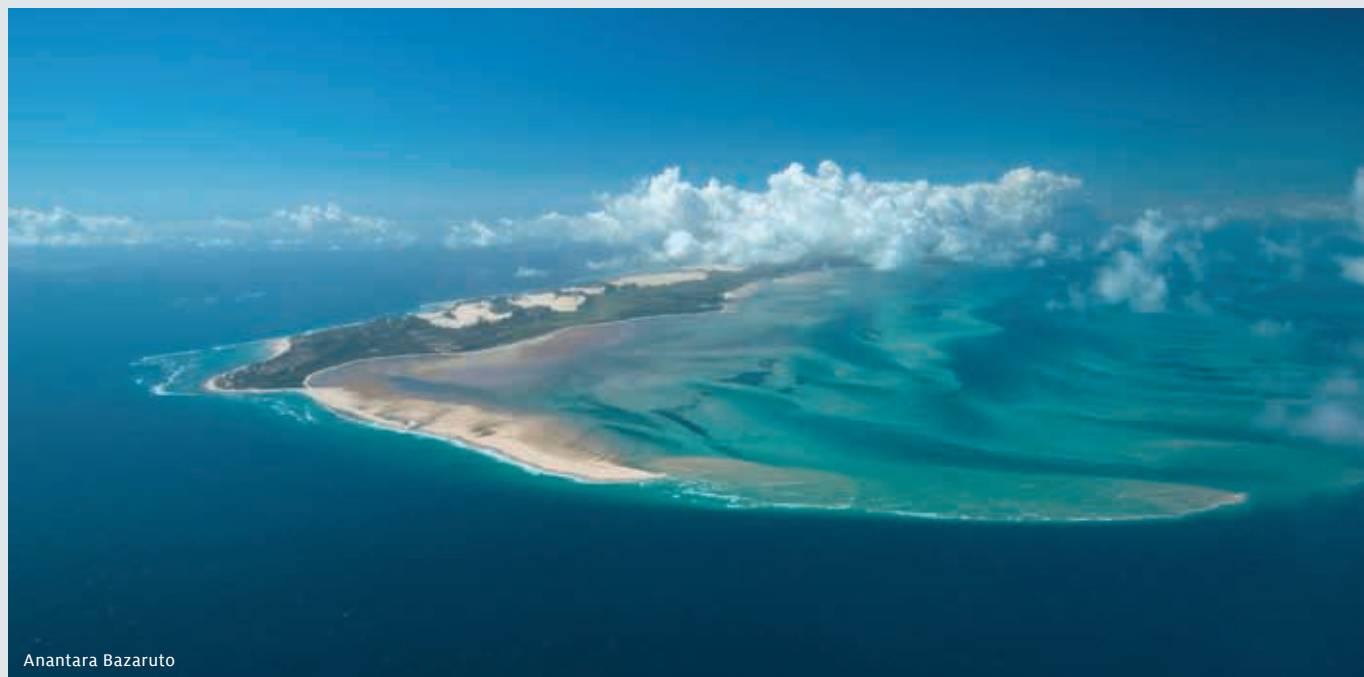
**DAY 1: CAPE TOWN** Arrive in Cape Town. Take in the stunning coastal views on a drive down the Cape Peninsula, visit the top of Table Mountain by cable car and eat your way around Cape Town's great restaurants which are just minutes from your waterfront hotel. Stay 4 nights at Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel.

**DAY 5: SABI SANDS** Fly into Skukuza Airport and drive to your lodge in Sabi Sands Game Reserve. At Lion Sands' River Lodge, you'll go on game drives in areas that share an unfenced border with Kruger National Park next door. Like all of the lodges at Lion Sands, River Lodge has glossy-magazine interiors and high-end boutique

service. Stay 3 nights at River Lodge at Lion Sands Game Reserve.

**DAY 8: MOZAMBIQUE** Fly to Vilanculos and take a speedboat transfer to your island hideaway. Anantara Bazaruto is the crowning piece on your grand escape. Snorkel in clear waters and look for

seasonal guests like humpback whales and whale sharks or go horse riding on the sand dunes when the tide is out. Stay 7 nights at Anantara Bazaruto.



Anantara Bazaruto

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS ITINERARY

- Stay in upscale accommodation in this classic combination
- Soak up the vibrancy of culture, food and wine in Cape Town
- Go on game drives in exclusive Sabi Sands, which borders Kruger National Park and has fewer crowds and impeccable service
- Escape to almost-deserted island beaches for ultimate relaxation and marine activities in Mozambique's Bazaruto Archipelago
- Upgrade to include transfers if you'd prefer to sit back and relax

## WHEN TO GO

- Cape Town is great to visit year-round with warm summers (January to February), mild winters (June to August, when Cape Town gets its rain) and warm shoulder seasons that are usually less busy
- The dry season (May to October) is the best time for wildlife spotting in Sabi Sands/Kruger; pack layers as mornings and nights can get chilly
- Mozambique is lovely all year round, except for hurricane season (February to March)

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

**We've crafted this itinerary based on our own experiences and our customers' feedback. It's fully flexible, so talk to us and we can create your perfect trip.**

**WHERE TO STAY**

We've chosen places to stay that we think are worthy of this grand holiday, like an iconic landmark hotel in Cape Town, a sumptuous safari lodge in a prime wildlife viewing area and a sublime island retreat on Mozambique's Bazaruto Archipelago which you can get to by helicopter.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Let us know if there's anything you'd want to include to make your holiday extra special. Book a night in one of Lion Sands' grown-up treehouses surrounded by the sounds of the wild or take a helicopter ride for stunning aerial shots of Cape Town.

**HOW LONG**

We think 4 nights is enough time to cover Cape Town's sights followed by 3 nights to spot wildlife on game drives in Sabi Sands. Mozambique deserves at least a week to soak up the seclusion and can easily be extended for extra down time.

**ANOTHER STOP**

There are plenty of places worth weaving in to get more out of your holiday. Go for tastings and cellar tours in the Cape Winelands where there are impressive wine estates to stay at. And if you go between June and December, you'll be just in time for whale watching in Hermanus.

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**WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**

Follow a guide on a bush walk and, if you're lucky, wander by a towering giraffe

Kruger National Park  
Sabi Sands

MOZAMBIQUE

Bazaruto  
Vilanculos

**UNDER THE SEA**

Go diving and look out for Mozambique's dugongs, turtles and the seasonal whale shark

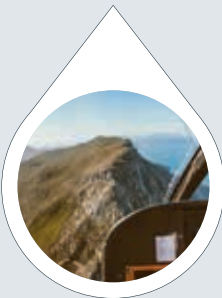


SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town

**SLEEPING UNDER STARS**

Upgrade to a night in one of Lion Sands' amazing treehouses for an unforgettable experience in the wild

**UP IN THE AIR**

See Cape Town's stunning coastline and flat-topped mountain from above on a helicopter ride

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

This is one of our most luxurious suggested itineraries with destinations like Sabi Sands and Mozambique, where the level of exclusivity you'll get is reflected in the higher prices.



# ROUTE 62 GOURMET SELF-DRIVE

This 14-night itinerary is the foodie's guide to eating your way around the Cape. Try out the hottest local spots in Cape Town, sip your way around the Winelands, sup on seafood in Knysna and end on an al fresco note with sundowners on a safari in the Eastern Cape.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 14 NIGHTS FROM CAPE TOWN

**DAY 1: CAPE TOWN** Arrive in Cape Town. Have drinks at the hotel's upscale Leopard Bar and book a picnic with unreal views of the Twelve Apostles Mountain Range. Stay 3 nights at The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa.

**DAY 4: FRANSCHHOEK** Drive to the Cape Winelands. Go for wine tastings on picturesque

estates or choose from Franschhoek's high-standard restaurants. Stay 2 nights at Leeu House.

**DAY 6: ROBERTSON (ROUTE 62)** Head to Robertson on the wine route. Visit local wineries and sit down to seasonal food in your hotel's restaurant garden. Stay at The Robertson Small Hotel.

**DAY 7: OUDTSHOORN** Travel inland to Oudtshoorn. Have wildlife encounters with a cheeky meerkat clan and spot this town's famous ostriches. Stay 2 nights at Rosenhof Country House.

**DAY 9: KNYSNA** Head over the Outeniqua Mountain Range to Knysna, where waterfront seafood restaurants and oyster

cruises are on the menu. Stay 3 nights at Lairds Lodge.

**DAY 12: EASTERN CAPE** Continue to the Eastern Cape. Go on game drives in Kariega and round off each day with sundowners in the bush. Stay 3 nights at Kariega Game Reserve.



Franschhoek

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SELF-DRIVE

- Stay at boutique hotels with knockout restaurants
- Experience classic South African gourmet dining
- Taste oysters in the country's oyster capital, Knysna
- Combine the Cape Winelands with the wine route, Route 62
- The food and drink theme continues into your safari with top-quality meals and scenic sundowners

## WHEN TO GO

- Cape Town is great to visit year-round with warm summers (January to February) and generally mild winters (June to August, when Cape Town gets its rain). The warm shoulder seasons are usually less busy
- Summer (November to March) is the busiest time in the Winelands and ideal for outdoor picnics; winter brings log fires and hearty meals
- The Garden Route is best experienced in November to March. Pack a rain mac if you're visiting in August to October
- Everywhere is busy in the summer holidays (December and January)

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

**We've crafted this itinerary based on our own experiences and our customers' feedback. It's fully flexible, so talk to us and we can create your perfect trip.**

**WHERE TO STAY**

The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa is a Capetonian hot spot for drinks with a view and Leeu House is a fine example of how good the food is in Franschhoek. The hotels we've chosen come with seriously good restaurants but you're spoilt for choice if you're craving something else.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Chat with us about your must-do foodie experiences. There are lots of scenic spots to have an indulgent picnic and the Franschhoek Wine Tram is one of our favourite things to do in the Cape Winelands as you hop on and off at award-winning wineries on a vintage tram.

**HOW LONG**

We think that 2 or 3 nights is enough time to savour your time at each place. Cape Town's strong restaurant scene deserves 3 nights, as does Knysna for relaxation. Spend longer in Franschhoek or Robertson to cover even more wineries.

**ANOTHER STOP**

This itinerary packs in a nice variety of destinations, plus an optional added twist to your epicurean travels with a safari in the Eastern Cape. Add on beach time in Cape St. Francis or pull out all the stops with a trip further out to Victoria Falls or Mauritius.

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**FOODIES ON FOOT**

Go on a walking tour in Stellenbosch with wine, chocolate and biltong

**MEERKAT MISCHIEF**

Set your alarm clock for sunrise and watch meerkats peek out from their natural burrows in Oudtshoorn

**OYSTER CRUISING**

Learn how to shuck your own oysters as you head out on Knysna Lagoon towards the Indian Ocean

**WINE TRAM**

Leave the car behind and let Franschhoek's Wine Tram chauffeur you between wine tastings

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

This itinerary covers a wide range of destinations with plenty of options, so price can vary depending on the accommodation and type of vehicle. Go in May or September for good value and (hopefully) good weather.



# THE GARDEN ROUTE - FAMILY EDITION

Go on a family adventure with this 16-night itinerary along South Africa's Garden Route. Starting in Cape Town, this version of the famous self-drive route is created for families in mind with short distances between stops and an almost infinite list of experiences that'll have the whole family in awe.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 16 NIGHTS FROM CAPE TOWN

**DAY 1: CAPE TOWN** Arrive in Cape Town. From your comfortable apartments by the water, head up to Table Mountain, visit the penguins at Boulders Beach and wander around the V&A Waterfront. Stay 3 nights at African Elite Waterfront Apartments.

**DAY 4: GROOTBOS** Drive to the Hermanus area where you'll stay in an eco-lodge surrounded by nature on all sides. Spy whales from the beach (June

to December), stroll around the ancient milkwood forest and follow a guide around the fynbos on a flower safari. There are over 100 bird species to keep an eye out for and super scenic walks from forest to coast. Stay 2 nights at Grootbos Nature Reserve.

**DAY 7: GEORGE** Today is your longest drive (approx. 4 hours) to the gateway of the Garden Route, George. Make chocolate treats, pick strawberries in a

maze or go on a Segway tour in Wilderness – the list of activities at Fancourt are huge. Stay 2 nights at Fancourt.

**DAY 9: HOG HOLLOW** Head to Hog Hollow, near Plettenberg Bay. Go whale watching, kayak with dolphins, hike the Robberg Nature Reserve's stunning cliff walks or get more active with horseriding or mountain biking (age restrictions may apply). Stay 3 nights at Hog Hollow Country Lodge.

**DAY 12: CAPE ST FRANCIS** Travel on to your beach villa at Cape St Francis for idle time by the sea, or take on the famous surf. Stay 3 nights at Cape St Francis Beach Break.

**DAY 15: EASTERN CAPE** Drive on to Shamwari Private Game Reserve. At Riverdene Lodge, go on game drives to find Africa's epic beasts. Stay 3 nights at Riverdene Lodge at Shamwari.



Chapman's Peak Drive

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SELF-DRIVE

- Give the kids a trip of a lifetime with new experiences they'll treasure
- Watch African penguins waddle on the sand at Boulders Beach
- Take time out on the Garden Route's family-friendly beaches
- Get the kids involved on safari with Shamwari's dedicated programme
- Stay in family-friendly apartments and lodges and enjoy the flexibility of self-driving

## WHEN TO GO

- Cape Town is great to visit year-round with warm summers (January to February) and mild winters (June to August, when Cape Town gets its rain). The shoulder seasons are warm and usually less busy – perfect for Easter and September school holidays
- The UK summer holidays falls in South Africa's winter time so it's a more budget-friendly time to travel

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

**We've crafted this family-friendly itinerary based on our own experiences and our customers' feedback. It's fully flexible and the Garden Route is just as great for those without children too, so talk to us and we can create your perfect trip.**

**WHERE TO STAY**

We've chosen hotels that are inspiring for kids and sophisticated enough for adults. Grootbos is a flower-filled nature reserve with beaches and forest and Fancourt has an impressive activities list. As this itinerary is flexible, changing hotels to suit your style and budget is easy.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Whale watching, horse riding, mountain biking – this itinerary is jam-packed with optional experiences. Game drives are usually for kids aged 7 and over, but Shamwari allows children from 4 years old. Chat to us about what your family likes to do on holiday and we'll help plan exciting activities.

**HOW LONG**

We've included stays that are 2 to 3 nights long, so you can get the family ready for the next stop at a comfortable pace. Add in extra beach time in Plettenberg, or you can take out George and Cape St. Francis for a shorter, more traditional Garden Route itinerary.

**ANOTHER STOP**

This itinerary will probably be long enough for most families, but if you have older children who are up to it, add a visit to South Africa's lesser-visited KwaZulu-Natal (p50) or the mighty Victoria Falls (p60).

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**HOG HOLLOW**

Stop for the gorgeous valley views and horse riding at Hog Hollow Country Lodge

**GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE**

Go on treasure hunts in the forest and see wildlife in their natural habitat at Grootbos

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Plettenberg Bay

Cape Town

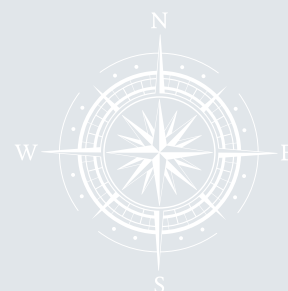
Grootbos Nature Reserve

George

Eastern Cape  
Port Elizabeth  
Cape St Francis

**WILD ANIMALS**

Head out on game drives in Shamwari's Big Five territory and visit Born Free Foundation's Big Cat Rescue Centres

**SEASIDE RETREAT**

Relax and watch the kids make friends in family-friendly Cape St. Francis

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

We've chosen our favourite family hotels which are popular and have higher prices that reflect this. There are plenty of options to suit different budgets. The UK summer holiday is a cost-effective time to travel.



# BUSH, BEACH & BATTLEFIELDS

Uncover another side to South Africa on this KwaZulu-Natal self-drive itinerary. Relax on a golden beach in Umhlanga, learn about the moving history of the Battlefields and find mighty African predators and prey in the exclusive Thanda Safari Private Game Reserve.



Drakensberg

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 8 NIGHTS FROM DURBAN

**DAY 1: DURBAN** Arrive and head to Umhlanga Rocks. Stay 2 nights at The Oyster Box Hotel.

**DAY 3: DRAKENSBERG** Drive to the Drakensberg Mountains. Go on a guided tour of Spioenkop ('Spy Hill'), the site of a Second Anglo-Boer War battle. Stay 2 nights at Three Tree Hill Lodge.

**DAY 5: BATTLEFIELDS** Head further into the Battlefields. Learn about the Anglo-Zulu War battles at Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana. Stay 2 nights at Fugitives' Drift.

**DAY 7: THANDA SAFARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE** Arrive at Thanda. Look out for big cats and learn about Zulu culture. Stay 2 nights at Thanda Safari Lodge.

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SELF-DRIVE

- Explore this lesser-travelled area of South Africa
- Learn about the Anglo-Zulu and Anglo-Boer Wars at historic battlefields, where you'll hear incredible stories of bravery from passionate guides who'll have you hooked – even if you're not a history buff
- Get an insight into the culture of the Zulus
- Lap up sun and sand at Umhlanga Beach with year-round sunshine

## WHEN TO GO

- The coast around Durban has great warm weather all year round. April to September usually has clear and sunny days. Peak season falls around school holidays like Easter and the height of summer (December and January)
- Safaris in KwaZulu-Natal are good in the dry season between June and August when weather is generally warm with cool nights. In the summer, days are warmer with a higher chance of rain and humidity

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've chosen hotels that show off the best of each destination: the award-winning Oyster Box Hotel in Umhlanga; Leading Hotel of the World, Thanda Safari Lodge; and two boutique hotels near the Battlefields that complement the experience.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

There are plenty of amazing experiences that define this complex region, from characterful, family-run-and-owned hotels with community involvement close to the Battlefields. Tell us what your interests are and we'll share our ideas with you.

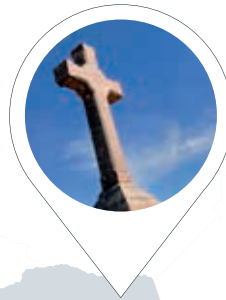
**HOW LONG**

We think that 2 nights is the shortest time you'll want to spend in each destination. This itinerary packs a lot in 8 nights; you can easily add on more beach time or extra days on safari in Thanda to slow down the pace.

**ANOTHER STOP**

KwaZulu-Natal's diverse landscape also includes South Africa's oldest game reserve, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park and iSimangaliso Wetland Park where you can spot crocs and hippo in the water. These are easy to add on and are around an hour's drive from Thanda.

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**'THE KOP'**

Trace the history behind Liverpool FC stadium's stand, 'The Kop', on a visit to the Spioenkop battlefield

**ZULU, 1964**

Learn about the battle the epic war film featuring Michael Caine was based on at Rorke's Drift

**CROCS AND HIPPO**

Look out for crocs and hippo in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park

Drakensberg  
LESOTHO

Thanda Safari  
Battlefields  
Umhlanga Rocks  
Durban

SOUTH AFRICA

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

This itinerary is usually similarly priced all year round with some offers during South Africa's winter (UK summer months).



# BLUE TRAIN & BIG FIVE SAFARI

Make the journey part of the adventure with a luxury sleeper train experience on this 11-night itinerary. Cover Cape Town's iconic sights before boarding the Blue Train for a voyage steeped in nostalgia, and end with a sophisticated safari in the lesser-visited Madikwe Game Reserve.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 11 NIGHTS FROM CAPE TOWN

**DAY 1: CAPE TOWN** Arrive in Cape Town. Explore Africa's most beautiful city and see Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, Robben Island and the Cape Peninsula with a stop at Boulders Beach to see its resident penguins. Stay 3 nights at One & Only Cape Town.

**DAY 4: FRANSCHHOEK** Drive to the Winelands. Go wine

tasting, have a day out on the hop-on hop-off Franschhoek Wine Tram and have picnics in scenic spots around the valley. Stay 2 nights at Mont Rochelle.

**DAY 6: BLUE TRAIN** Return to Cape Town to board the Blue Train. Glide along the countryside aboard this classic train, stop in Matjiesfontein to see its Victorian buildings and

indulge in afternoon teas, five-course meals and nightcaps as you take in the scenery. Stay 2 nights on the Blue Train.

**DAY 8: PRETORIA** Arrive in Pretoria. See grand government buildings and (if you're visiting between September and November) find the city's lilac jacaranda trees which are in full bloom. Stay at Castello di

Monte, Pretoria.

**DAY 9: MADIKWE** Drive north-west to Madikwe Game Reserve. Explore the wild bushveld with twice-daily game drives in search of the Big Five and take in spectacular views from your luxury lodge. Stay 3 nights at Madikwe Safari Lodge.



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS ITINERARY

- Sink back and savour the slower pace on a Blue Train journey from Cape Town to Pretoria
- Make time for wine tasting in Franschhoek and stay on an acclaimed wine estate
- End with a safari in Madikwe Game Reserve and have the chance to spot the Big Five

## WHEN TO GO

- Cape Town is great to visit year round with warm summers (January to February) and generally mild winters (June to August, when Cape Town gets its rain). The shoulder seasons are warm and less crowded
- Madikwe Game Reserve has warm weather year round and is great to visit at any time, although the dry season (July to September) can be better for wildlife sightings because of the sparse vegetation and the need for wildlife to come out for water. Pack layers as mornings and evenings can be cold on game drives

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've picked hotels that match the luxury of the vintage-style Blue Train. Richard Branson's Mont Rochelle delivers the wow factor and Madikwe Game Reserve ticks the grand finale box. Chat to us and tell us what you're looking for and we can swap in what best suits you.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Your journey on the Blue Train is an experience in itself. There are plenty of things you can weave in to put your stamp on this itinerary, like seeing Africa's biggest collection of contemporary art at Cape Town's Zeitz MOCAA or take a picnic basket from Mont Rochelle's Country Kitchen.

**HOW LONG**

We've allowed for a leisurely pace with 3 nights in Cape Town followed by 2 nights to relax in the Winelands. A 3-night safari will give you plenty of chances to tick off wildlife in Madikwe. We can shorten or extend this itinerary – like with an extra night in the Winelands – to fit your timeframe.

**ANOTHER STOP**

Go all out and end this romantic ride on the rails with Victoria Falls. It's a 2-hour flight from Madikwe to Victoria Falls, for a stay on the Zimbabwean side where water flows all year round. Or swap Madikwe for Kruger National Park for the classic South African safari.

See more of our South Africa suggested itineraries: [kuoni.co.uk/southafrica/suggesteditineraries](https://kuoni.co.uk/southafrica/suggesteditineraries)

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

The accommodation in this itinerary matches the Blue Train's level of luxury so prices reflect this; swapping hotels can lower the cost considerably.



# BEST OF BOTSWANA & VICTORIA FALLS

This eight-night fly-in safari is the perfect introduction to the wildlife and natural beauty of Botswana. There's a distinct feel of exclusivity throughout, with intimate lodges, small planes and fantastic game-viewing experiences. Then visit the thundering Victoria Falls.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 10 NIGHTS FROM OKAVANGO DELTA

### DAY 1: OKAVANGO DELTA

Board a light aircraft in Maun and travel over the spectacular scenery of the Okavango Delta – an intricate inland maze of winding waterways and tiny islands. Head out and explore the wildlife wonders of the delta in a traditional mokoro; a streamlined canoe that expertly meanders the shallow floodplains. Stay 2 nights at Camp Okavango

### DAY 4: MOREMI GAME

RESERVE Fly to Moremi Game Reserve, a wildlife haven on the eastern side of the Okavango Delta. Home to one of the densest wildlife concentrations in Africa, head out on a game drive to spot endangered wild dogs and the classic Big Five. Stay 2 nights at Camp Moremi.

### DAY 6: CHOBE NATIONAL

PARK Fly to Kasane and head towards Chobe National Park, one of Africa's great wildlife destinations. Famous for having one of the largest elephant populations in the world, its four different ecosystems are exceptional to explore. Discover the park on a game drive or head to the wildlife-rich riverfront for a river cruise. Stay 2 nights at Chobe Game Lodge.

### DAY 9: VICTORIA FALLS

Head to Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Trek to the aptly-named Knife Edge Bridge to see the Eastern Cataract and visit the famous Devil's Pool. Stay 2 nights at The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara.



Okavango Delta

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- It's exclusive, remote and comprehensive – see wildlife by air, 4x4, mokoro, motorboat and on foot (read more on p58)
- Stay at unique lodges in Botswana and an elegant heritage hotel on the banks of the Zambezi
- See the wildlife of the Okavango Delta from a mokoro canoe
- Visit the iconic Victoria Falls
- Spot huge herds of Kalahari elephants in Chobe National Park

## WHEN TO GO

- Prime time to visit Botswana is between March and November, when rainfall is lower and days are much cooler
- April to October is the best time to see elephants in Chobe
- May to November is great for spotting game in the Okavango Delta
- See the most birds in the Delta from December to March
- Botswana's low season is between November and April – generally this is the wet season, but it's a good time to escape the crowds
- Victoria Falls is best seen from June to September (read more on p60)

**MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've chosen Desert & Delta's superb safari camps because they're intimate, stylish and in some of the most stunning wildlife spots. Desert & Delta have 8 different camps so it's up to you to choose exactly where you want to stay. For the ultimate in wild luxury, upgrade to Belmond's 5-star lodges.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Days are filled with incredible experiences, from sunrise game drives and walking safaris to sundowner cruises. Victoria Falls is just a 2-hour drive from Chobe National Park, so we've included a 2-night stay in Livingstone to make sure you have enough time to experience this incredible landmark.

**HOW LONG**

We think that 2 nights is the shortest amount of time you'll want to spend in these incredible destinations. We've allowed more time to get the best experience – this does add to the cost but only a little and it's definitely worth it.

**ANOTHER STOP**

If you have more time, you can easily add in a 2-night stay in Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. This massive pan is home to the second largest zebra migration in the world. There are direct flights from Maun to Cape Town so we recommend extending your itinerary in South Africa's most iconic city.

See more of our Botswana safaris: [kuoni.co.uk/botswana/safaris](https://kuoni.co.uk/botswana/safaris)

**SEE HIPPOS AND CROCODILES**

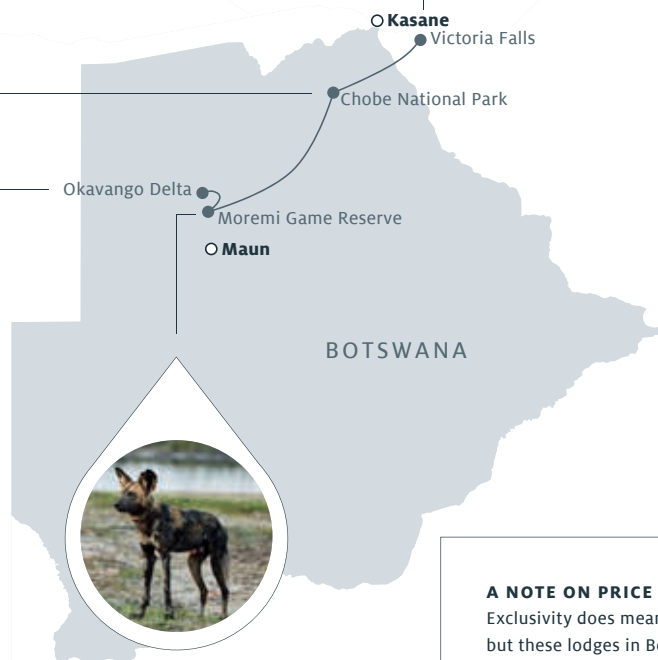
Take to the water for a sunset safari cruise along the Chobe River

**FLIGHT OF ANGELS**

Hop on a helicopter and experience the enormity of Victoria Falls from the air

**MOKORO SAFARI**

Meander the intricate waterways and superb wildlife of the Okavango Delta

**HUGE PACKS OF WILD DOGS**

Join an expert guide and track endangered African wild dogs in Moremi Game Reserve

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

Exclusivity does mean higher prices but these lodges in Botswana include all meals, drinks and daily activities. June to August is peak game viewing season in the delta and the most expensive.



# UNSURPASSED ZIMBABWE

See Zimbabwe at its wildest on this nine-night luxury fly-in safari. Travel to one of Africa's top 10 largest national parks, stay in an award-winning camp in one of the best wildlife-viewing spots, and see a Lion King-worthy sunset as you head for the hills in Lake Kariba.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 9 NIGHTS FROM VICTORIA FALLS

### DAY 1: VICTORIA FALLS

Arrive in Victoria Falls where you'll spend three nights. Take a sunset cruise along the mighty Zambezi River, visit the village shops and markets in Victoria Falls Town, and take time to explore the world-famous waterfalls; one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Stay 3 nights at The Victoria Falls Hotel.

### DAY 4: MANA POOLS

Fly by light aircraft to Mana Pools National Park, one of the last wild-walking national parks in the world. Head out on a game drive or explore the park on foot, looking out for leopards, lions and one of the largest wild dog populations in Africa. As you explore, make sure to keep an eye out for Boswell and Fred Astaire, the park's celebrity bipedal elephants. Stay 2 nights at Nyamatusi Camp.

### DAY 6: LAKE KARIBA

Continue by plane to Lake Kariba, the largest manmade lake in the world. Formed by the damming of the Kariba Gorge in the 1950s, it's home to some of the most magical sunsets in Africa. Go fishing on the lake and join a boat safari for the chance to spot crocodiles and hippo on the banks. Stay 2 nights at Bumi Hills.

### DAY 8: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Fly towards the golden plains of Hwange National Park, a top 10 in Africa's largest national parks. This is a Big Five heavyweight so head out on game drives to spot lions, leopards, buffalo and rhino, plus one of the largest elephant populations in the world. Stay 2 nights at Somalisa Camp.



Victoria Falls

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SAFARI

- Stay at an intimate safari lodge on the hills above Lake Kariba
- Travel in style as you fly over national parks
- Look out for bipedal elephants as you wild-walk in Mana Pools
- See the epic landmark of UNESCO-listed Victoria Falls
- Spot the classic Big Five on a game drive in Hwange National Park

## WHEN TO GO

- Zimbabwe has a sub-tropical climate so is a great year-round destination
- The dry season lasts from April to October and is the best time to visit the national parks (October can be extremely hot)
- June to September is the peak time to see Vic Falls (read more on p60)
- Some safari camps shut during the wet season – access to Mana Pools National Park is limited between December and March

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**WHERE TO STAY**

We've suggested Nyamatusi Camp and Somalisa Camp because they're indulgent and intimate safari retreats. With award-winning designs, these are luxurious bases in the wild. Then experience classic luxury at Victoria Falls Hotel, a colonial retreat that overlooks the Zambezi River.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Let us know if you want to add on any special experiences to your trip. On this itinerary you could take a 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter ride over the Victoria Falls, up your adrenalin levels with a go on the Gorge Swing, or take an intimate sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.

**HOW LONG**

As such an iconic landmark, we think it's important to spend at least 3 nights in Victoria Falls to give yourself enough time to see it properly. If you have time to spare, adding an extra day or two in Hwange National Park and Mana Pools will give you the chance to experience more of these incredible wildlife regions.

**ANOTHER STOP**

There are plenty of other great places you can include in this itinerary so if you want to stop somewhere else, just say. If you're looking to extend your time in Africa, why not finish the itinerary in Cape Town – it's just a 3-hour flight to South Africa's beautiful coastal city.

See more of our Zimbabwe safaris: [kuoni.co.uk/zimbabwe](http://kuoni.co.uk/zimbabwe)

**AWE-INSPIRING SUNSETS**

A spectacular explosion of orange, pinks and gold, Lake Kariba at sunset is an unbeatable view

**BIPEDAL ELEPHANTS**

Mana Pool's celebrity elephants are famous for their extraordinary treetop-reaching abilities

**HELICOPTER FLIGHT**

See more of Victoria Falls with a scenic helicopter flight or a luxury cruise along the Zambezi

**BIG FIVE GAME DRIVES**

Game drives are at their best in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's classic Big Five territory

**A NOTE ON PRICE**

This itinerary is based on exclusive top-end lodges. There are more affordable options available, but these are limited while tourism in Zimbabwe continues to grow again.



# WONDERS OF NAMIBIA

From the sand dunes of Sossusvlei to the wildlife of Etosha National Park, this 10-night suggested self-drive itinerary takes you to some of the country's most iconic sights. While distances can be long, the scenic routes, affordability, and well-graded roads make Namibia ideal for self-driving.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE 10 NIGHTS FROM WINDHOEK

**DAY 1: WINDHOEK** Arrive in Windhoek, Namibia's capital. Stretch your legs at Zoo Park and visit signature buildings like Christuskirche, the Alte Feste and Tintenpalast. Stay at Olive Grove Guesthouse.

**DAY 2: SOSSUSVLEI** Head south to Namib-Naukluft National Park. Wake early to see the sand dunes at Sossusvlei and visit the gorges of Sesriem Canyon. Stay 2 nights at Kulala Desert Lodge.

**DAY 4: SWAKOPMUND** Drive towards the coastal city of Swakopmund, passing the Skeleton Coast and Walvis Bay on the way. Join a tour to learn about the city's history and visit the seal colony at Cape Cross. Stay 2 nights at Swakopmund Guesthouse.

**DAY 6: DAMARALAND** Leave the coast behind as you continue to the beautiful region of Damaraland. Spend some time exploring the area's iconic

landscapes; visit a petrified forest, discover ancient rock art at Twyfelfontein and see the dolerite columns of the Organ Pipes. Stay at Vingerklip Lodge.

**DAY 7: ETOSHA** Drive to Etosha National Park, a wildlife haven that's home to a salt pan so large it can be seen from space. Head out to explore the park, stopping at waterholes on the way to view the big game. Stay 2 nights at Okaukuejo Camp and 1 night at Namutoni Camp.

**DAY 10: OTJIWARONGO** Continue towards the Okonjima Nature Reserve and spend some time visiting the world-famous AfriCat Foundation. Stay at Okonjima Plains Camp.



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS SELF-DRIVE

- It's a photographer's dream: unique scenery, amazing colours, star-filled night skies and hardly any people
- Spot desert elephants and see ancient rock art in Damaraland
- Climb spectacular mile-high sand dunes in Sossusvlei
- Head out on full-day game drives in Etosha National Park
- Upgrade to a fly-in version to reduce time on the road

## WHEN TO GO

- Namibia has a generally hot and dry climate so this itinerary works well all year round
- Visit Etosha National Park from June to November, when the dry weather means animals head for the waterholes (read more on p64)
- Namibia's rainy season is between December and April – we don't recommend travelling in December and January as the heat can be stifling

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**WHERE TO STAY**

Olive Grove Guesthouse in Windhoek has easy access to the city's sights, shops and restaurants. In Namib-Naukluft National Park, the Kulala Desert Lodge sits within 67,000 private acres of the Kulala Wilderness Reserve, and is the closest point of access to the iconic Sossusvlei sand dunes.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

This itinerary is flexible so talk to us if you want to add on any local experiences. You could join a catamaran dolphin and seal-spotting cruise in Swakopmund, go on a sunrise hot-air balloon ride at Sossusvlei or take the best seats in the house on a scenic flight over the haunting Skeleton Coast.

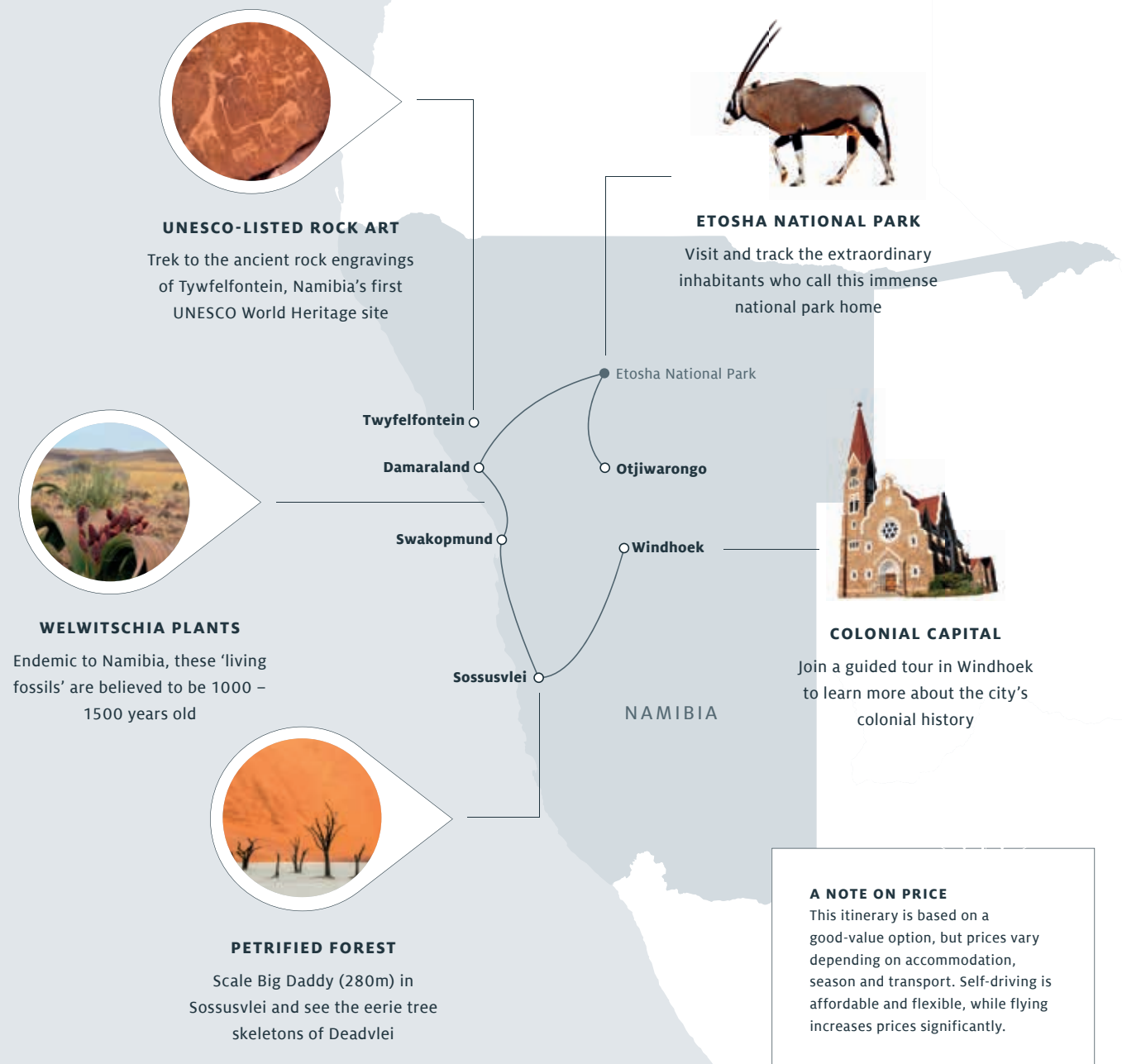
**HOW LONG**

With so much to see and do, we think that 1 to 2 nights in each place will really give you the chance to make the most of your time here. If you can stay longer, add on an extra night in Damaraland or spend an extra night in Swakopmund and go sandboarding.

**ANOTHER STOP**

There are so many other great places you can include in this itinerary, so just tell us if you want to stop somewhere else. Namibia is easy to combine with South Africa, so why not finish in the country's cosmopolitan capital – Cape Town is just a two-hour flight from Windhoek.

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